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LEWIS W. RUDE

Lewis W. Rude was born May 24, 1841, the son of Ariel and Sophia (Stoddard) Rude who were pioneer settlers in Franklin Township, DeKalb County, Indiana. During the latter part of 1863 Lewis visited cousins who lived in the village of Susquehanna, Pennsylvania, which is just across the state line from Boone County, New York. He had met Mary Antoinette Baldwin on a previous visit and married her on January 2, 1864. He and his bride returned to DeKalb County, Indiana, to begin their married life.

The diary which he kept during 1864 is an unusually detailed description of the life of a young farmer in Northeastern Indiana during this era. The diary has been published verbatim, with the original punctuation and spelling retained. The Rude family lived one mile north of Butler on what is locallly known as the Basket Factory Road (now DeKalb County Road 61A). Lewis and Mary had three childen: Ida Elnora, March 21, 1865; Emma Leona, Mary 11, 1867; and Elbert Weelington, December 29, 1871. After the deaths of his parents, the Lewis Rude Family sold their DeKalb County farm and moved to Broome County, New York in 1881.

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The Diary of Lewis W. Rude for the year 1864

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DIARY,
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Willy Wallach
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Written on inside cover
Property of Lewis W. Rude
Jarvis (1) Ind.

Written on inside cover.
Oft as thine eyes,
shall fondly trace
These simple lines,
I sketch to thee
What ere the time,
What ere the place
Dear boy, I'll think of thee
Mary A. Rude

(1) The town of Butler was first named Norristown in honor of Charles Norris who came here from eastern Ohio in 1840. Some years later the village was called Jarvis. When the Michigan and Lake Shore Southern Railroad came thru in 1856, the name Butler Station was used. This was soon shortened to Butler. The town was called by all four names as late as 1862. A Century in Review published at Butler, Indiana, by Historical Committee under the auspices of The Butler Centennial Association.

Friday, January 1.

This is the first day of the New year. and I have had considerble of fun to day. this morning we come back from Sanford (2) to Susquehanna and we had a fine sleigh ride. and this afternoon Jery (3) and Maria was married. and then we had a good time and I hope that they will have a hapy life and allways have a good time. after they was married we had the Weding Supper and then I went to Mr. Baldwins and was thare all night to night it has got very windy and cold good bye to New Years and to.....

(2) A village in the eastern part of Broome County, New York, and northeast of Susquehanna.

(3) Jerry Wilkinson. Both Jerry and Lewis came from Butler, Indiana, to marry girls in Susquehanna. The maiden name of Maria is not known.

Saturday, January 2.

This morning I went down to Eds. and it was so very cold that I like to froze. for this is a very cold day. I was down to the Machine Shop (4) to day with Ed and Jery and to night at five Oclock I was married to Mary Baldwin. and so now I am a married man (or boy). and now it is night and I am here at my New Fathers and the folks are trying to have some fun. Good night

(4) Probably Erie Railroad repair shop.

Sunday, January 3.

This was a cold day but it was not as cold as it was yesterday I went to Eds this morning. and then we got a team at the livery stable. and we all come over to George Farnhams. that is Ed Tompkins and Julia. and Jery and Maria. and "Mary" and my self. and we had our supper at George Farnhams. and then we all come over to Charles Tarbox and we are now here. and we are haveing very fine time with our Cousins (5) but I guess that it is about time to go to bed.

(5) Probably relatives of Lewis's father or mother.

Monday, January 4.

This morning we come to C. B. Morses and was thare untill after dinner. we had a nice time wile we was thare. and in the afternoon Ed and his Wife and my and my Wife come back to

Susquehanna. and in the Evening I was at Father Baldwins. and we had some new Cousins (6) come to see us. and about nine o'clock Mary and I come to Eds to stay all night and we found them in bed but we routed them up.

(6) Probably relatives of Mary.

Tuesday, January 5.

When we got up this morning it had been snowing. and Mary and I come over to Fathers and then went back to town again and bought a trunk and then I was at Eds a wile. and then I come over here to Baldwins again and we had some new Cousins come to see us that had been married last night. this has been a very stormy day we intend to start for our home in Ind to morrow if nothing happens

Wednesday, January 6.

this forenoon I was running around town and getting ready for to start for home. and at three Oclock we took the cars (7) for Buffalo. it was quite hard for Mary to leave her home. at the train we met Jery and maria and then we come on to gethr and arived at Buffalo by 1 Oclock in the morning and then we had to stay there till day light. and so we went to the hotel

and staid there until morning.

(7) In this era, a train was referred to as "the cars."

Thursday, January 7.

This morning we got up and went to the Depo and took the Cars for Cleveland. and we had a fine ride we arrived at Cleveland about three Oclock and then we took the Cars for Toledo and arived thare at Seven and then we took the Cars for Home and we arived at Butler at 11 Ocl. and we then went to the Hotell (8) and was thare all night this has been quite a cold day and it was snowing when we was at Buffalo. good night

(8) After the Michigan and Lake Shore Southern Railroad came through Butler there were several hotels built to accommodate the travelers.

Friday, January 8.

this morning we had our breakfast at the Hotel and then we went to Wm. Shaws (9) and then William brought Mary and I up home in his sleight and then I was at home again with my Wife. and our folks was glad to see us after dinner we went to town for to get our trunks and since then I have been at home. this has been a very cold day. I was writeing some letters to day back to Pa and now it is night

(9) Ariel William Shaw was Lewis Rude's first cousin.

William Shaw's mother, Anne, was the sister of Ariel Rude and Thomas Crandle Rude (U.S., Indiana, Auburn, DeKalb County Courthouse, County Clerk, Probate Order Book Nov. 1848-February 1853, pp. 60-5). William Shaw married Eliza Wilkinson who was probably the sister of Jerry Wilkinson (Fayne E. Harter, ed., Early Marriage Records of DeKalb County, Indiana 1837-1882, p. 19).

Saturday, January 9.

This was a very cold day last night we had some fun here for some bellers come for to give us a belling. (10) this morning I went to town for to bring Jery and Maria up here. Jery has got a hard cold and so it makes him most sick. Jery and Maria was here about all day and then I went and took them home in the sleigh. and I had quite a fine ride for the sleighing is very good now it is most night and it is very cold. good night for this Evening

(10) A local expression of cold. good night for this Evening

(6) A local expression of charivari or shivaree; a simulated serenade of discordant noises made with bells, kettles, pans, horns, etc. to celebrate the homecoming of the newlyweds. A belling is usually done by friends of the bride and groom some night within a few weeks after the wedding. The bellers attempt to arrive after the newlyweds have gone to bed. Bellings are still done locally.

Sunday, January 10.

To day it has not been quite so cold as it has been along back Mary and Louisa and I went down to town to Church and there was some babtism and then we went to Wm. Shaws and got dinner. and then we come home. and William and Maria come up home with us Jery is sick to day but I think that he will be better in a few days. to night we went to meeting and the preacher took a colection of the soldiers (11)

(Written in margin: I have left my own dear home and come to the West to live Mary's handwriting) (12)

(11) A collection for Civil War soldiers in the Union Army.

(12) Hereafter notations on the margins of the pages in the diary will be put in parenthesis. The name or initials of the writer of a notation will be given wherever that is possible.

Monday, January 11.

This has been a pleasant day and it has not been so cold. we went to day to cutting some saw logs. we cut down one large tree. I am cutting the lgs for to build a house for now I have got the Bird I will have to build a cage for to keep it in and so I will have to build a house. (I like Married life first rate. and I hope that me and my Companion will injoy ourselves first rate all the days of our life. L. W. Rude)

Tuesday, January 12.

this morning we was sawing logs and then we went to hauling sawlogs to the saw mill at town. We hauled two logs and got another ready on the sled ready for to take to the mill. it has not been very cold to day but the sleighing is still very good to night Frank and Adeline Ocker is here. my throat is a little sore to night. tomorrow we are going to cuting saw logs. good night (My days are glyding swiftly by and I a ..... stranger Well I hope I will live to see my parents again. Mary A. Rude) (13)

(13) The first note of a growing discontent with life in the West.

Wednesday, January 13.

to day we have been cutting and hauling saw logs all day. Frank Philips and Frank Ocker was helping us it has been a pleasant day but I am afraid that it is going to get warm and then we will loose our sleighing to night we have been writing some letters to Charles Tarbox and C. B. Morse

(Children should Obey their Parents for this is right in the sight of the Lord. Children Obey your Parents in all things. this is from the Bible)

Thursday, January 14.

this morning we went to the saw mill with a log. and then I was cutting some wood and father was hauling logs. it has got quite warm to day and the

snow is going off. to night we went down to town at Wm Shaws to see Jery. he is not much better yet. and we come home and got our super by Eight Oclock

(Oft as thine eyes shall fondly trace these simple lines I sketch. Mary's handwriting)

Friday, January 15.

this morning it had been snowing I was up to George Zeiglers to get his bobs (14) and then I took the girls to school in the sled and then we went and got a long log on the bobs and then we hauled two logs. and to night we went down to Jery Lewis on a visit and we had a good time and when we come home Marie Wilkason (15) was here good night

(Obey the Lords Commands always)

(14) Two heavy work sleds connected together one after the other by a pole or reach.

(15) Wilkinson.

Saturday, January 16.

to day has been a pleasant day. this morning we took George Zeiglers bobs home. and then we took a saw log to the saw mill. and this afternoon we took another log to the saw mill. and now we are done hauling logs. I had a heifer die to day. we have very good sleighing now. now it is night and I have been reading some Jery is some better to day L.W.R.

(O that my days were all hapy days but then I will be)

Sunday, January 17.

to day it is conciderble warmer and the snow is going off quite fast. we was to Church to day at the vilage and then we was to dinner at Joseph Johnsons and then we come home and the sleighing was most gone. to night I have been reading and writeing some letters and now it is most time to go to bed.

(The Sabbath is the Lords Day and No One should Work to day if they can help it for if they do they Disobey the commands of the Lord. LWR)

Monday, January 18.

This morning it was some colder. I was choping wood in or at the Wood house and in the afternoon I was choping wood in the field to night father and Mother went to meeting at town and I went to town to take a hide to get taned. (16) Louisa is gone to an Oyster (17) supper and Mary and Esther (18) and I are alone to night

(Remember the Lord in the days of thy youth that thy day may be long I hope we may live a long and hapy life and enjoy the blessings of God. Mary)

(16) Tanned, a process whereby hides are preserved and made usable.

(17) The railroad provided a direct link to the East Coast and made it possible to ship commodities within a short period of time.

(18) Esther Noragon. Esther was the daughter of Jacob and Polly Ann (Rude) Noragon. Jacob and Polly Ann were married October 23, 1851 (Fayne E. Harter, ed., Early Marriage Records of DeKalb County, Indiana, 1837-82, p. 26). Polly Ann was the daughter of Thomas Crandle Rude. Jacob died May 22, 1858 (Andree Seibel Lewis, ed., Tombstone Inscriptions in Steuben Co., Indiana, p. 11. Fort Wayne Public Library, Fort Wayne, Indiana, 1967). Polly Ann (Rude) Noragon married William Baker as her second husband (U.S., Indiana, Angola, Steuben County Courthouse, Land Deeds, vol. 19, p. 313).

Tuesday, January 19

This was quite a cold and windy morning. I was cutting wood this morning till noon and then we was hauling wood to night. I went down to town to see Jery. he is some better to night. the sleighing is not very good now for it is wore out in some places.

(The Ways of the Lord are Just and right and we should obey Him if we wish to be hapy in this World and the World to come.

Wednesday, January 20

I have not been doing much to day. this morning it snowed a little more I was over in the Woods looking for some timber. Mrs. Lewis Was here to day. to night Mary and I went to town to see Jery and Maria. and in the Evening we all went to spelling school and we had a fine time kissing the girls they are just as sweet as they ever was. good night

(The Lord is King of Heaven and Earth O that I was perfect in all my ways and stout as a tigre LWR)

Thursday, January 21

This fore noon I was making a was (19) bench and was working about the house and in the afternoon father and I was in the woods looking for some timber for the house that I am going to build to night Louisa and I went to town in the sleigh and I got some papers and some letters from Susquehanna and by them we heard from our home in Penn the folks are all well. to night I have been reading. to morrow we think of going to Auburn L.W.R.

(19) wash

Friday, January 22

this morning we got up early and Father and Mother and Mary and I started for Auburn to pay our Tax. we stoped at Waterloo and bought a buffalo robe and then we went to Auburn

and paid our tax and then we went to Zopher Johnsons and was thare for dinner and then we come to Eli Deems and Mother and Mary staid thare for meeting at the school house and to night we all went to meeting and the house was full

Saturday, January 23

This fore noon we was sheling corn for to take to mill and after dinner I went to town and to mill with the buck board. to day it is quite warm and the snow and sleighing is about all gone and the Roads are geting mudy I got a letter to day for Mary from her Uncle (20) in Ohio. to night we went to Church over to the school house and they had quite a time of it. we (that is Mary and I) went with the bugy. the weather is quite warm.

(20) Horace Scott Baldwin

Sunday, January 24

To Day Has been quite a warm day for Jan and the snow is about all gone. and the Roads are getting quite mudy. I went down to bring up Jery and Maria this morning. and they was here all day and at night I went and took them home again and this evening thare was to be preaching at the Church but the preacher did not come and so they had a prayer meeting this day has pas (21) the Night has come

(21) passed

Monday, January 25

This morning we was hauling Corn fodder and it was very bad hauling and so we did not haul much. and then father and Louisa went to town and I was writeing a letter and then I was getting out (22) some Apples and I had a hard time of it for the Apples was half rotten and it was so mudy. but now I have got it done and it is most dark. (So shure as the vine grows around the stump, So shure you are my sugar lump. M.A.B.)

(22) The apples were stored in the ground below the frost line to keep them from freezing. The cool temperatures under ground would help keep them from spoiling.

Tuesday, January 26

We was turning over sap troughs (23) this fore noon and then I was working in the stable and then I was choping some wood. Father went to town and got some papers and a letter and I was reading some and now it is most night

(Next Fryday we are agoing to Ohio Well I suppose there was a Wedding in Elmira (24) yesterday I suppose Josephene Smith (25) How sweet the sakred tie that binds In sweet communion kindred minds Mary Rude)

(23) Hollowed out logs used as buckets to catch sap as it flowed from sap spiles in maple trees.

(24) New York.

(25) A former class mate in school.

Wednesday, January 27

Father & I went over to the woods and chopped down a butternut tree for to make sugar troughs. We made twenty two to day Mary & mother went up to Mrs. Ockers visiting and we had to get our own dinner This has been a very plesant day the roads are very muddy Theoph (22) & Frank Philips are here to night and we have had some fun (Theophilus wrote this they are here now Louise A. Rude) (Well Louisa and I have had some fun Mary A. Rude)

(26) Theophilus.

Thursday, January 28

This fore noon Father and I was sawing wood but the saw run hard and then the wood sawed hard (27) and I got tired and so I did not saw much. this afternoon I went to town a foot and I had a mudy time I saw a "lot" of Soldiers take the Cars and then I come home. We have had a very plesant day and it has been quite warm the warmest I ever saw in Jan. Now it is Night and I have been reading some.

(Oh Hapy may we live and hapy may we be. My Mary and me. LWR)

(27) Wood saws easier when it is frozen.

Friday, January 29

This morning I was choping wood and getting ready for to come to Ohio and after dinner we come to town in the Wagon and at three Oclock Mary and I took the cars and come to Wauseon and then thare was a wagon thare to take us to Spring Hill (28) and Oh what a time we had comeing through the woods and the rain and the mud in the dark but we got here safe and we are now at Spring Hill Ohio at Scott Baldwins good night

(28) Today it is called Tedrow. It is located in Fulton County, northwestern Ohio near Wauseon.

Saturday, January 30

This fore noon I was here at Uncle Scotts and over to a Neighbor and it had been raining last night and this morning it was quite rainy. this afternoon we was over to Mr. Burches and we was thare until after supper and we had a good time. and now we are at Uncle Scott Baldwins and it is night. and I am setting by the lamp writeing this has been a cloudy day.

(Honor they father and thy mother that thy days may be long in the land which is the Lords Long may we live and hapy May we be. My Wife and me LWR)

Sunday, January 31

To Day has been quite a cool cloudy day. This morning Uncle

Scott and I was down to Mr. Burdick. Burches and me was over to the saw mill. and I saw where they made Sorgum (29) molasses by steam and then we come home. and I have been here at Uncle Scotts ever since Mr. Albert Hughes and his Wife has been here this afternoon but they are gone now and it is most dark. and it looks as it was going to rain or snow. but I hope it was not for it will make the roads to mudy

(29) Sorghum.

Monday, February 1.

Now we are at home again. this morning the wind was blowing very hard and Uncle Scott did not want us to come home. but we started about ten Oclock in a wagon with Scott and we had a hard time going through the Mud to Pettyville where we took the Cars, and then we had a good time until we arived at Butler about 3 Ock and then we had a mudy time coming through the woods in the Wagon. but we arived home safely and now it is Night. good Night.

(Though at times a body has to scold Never never scold a word but always be pleasant and lovely)

Tuesday, February 2.

This morning I got up and dressed myself and then Eat my breakfast and then I was choping some wood and then we went to funeral of a child and then Mr. Philips come home with us and then we had our Dinner. it has been snowing some to day but it is not cold enough for the Snow to stick but goes as fast as it comes. but I think it will freeze up tonight Mr. Willis is here to night it is night now and Mary and Louisa are Sewing and I have been writeing.

Wednesday, February 3.

This morning it was quite cool. we was getting some straw into the barn from the straw stack that the cattle was wasting. this is the day that we set for the be Married (but I could not wait) and so to day we had a chicken pie in the afternoon I went to the vilage and I got a letter from Cousin Albert the ground now is very rough now it is night Emanuel Miller is here to night good Night

(I wish that I were to chool (30) sometimes no more Mary)

(30) school

Thursday, February 4.

This morning we done the Chores and then we went to ———— and then we went to choping Wood in the woods to day it has been quite cool but not very cold It has snowed some tonight I got a letter from B.B. Beard and I have been writeing a letter to Thop. Philips Eleck Frink brought our papers and a letter to night LWR

(Honour thy Father and thy Mother that thy days may be

long which the Lord thy God giveth thee. Mary

That I could see my Pa & Ma, Sisters & Brothers Mary A. Rude)

Friday, February 5.

This fore noon we was choping wood in the woods and was sheling some corn for to hull (31) and this afternoon I was spliting some wood and then it was snowing and I was in the house all of the afternoon and to night I have been reading Louisa and Esther is at speling school and now it is bed time and I am going to bed. (Today I was to school and to night I was to spelling school and I got a letter from Noah Miller. Louisa A. Rude)

(31) The first step in making hominy is to soak the hull off of the corn.

Saturday, February 6.

This morning we had a little Snow and we was hauling some wood but it was very bad going. and so we did not haul very much and Frank Philips come here and after dinner we went to town and we was thare until all most night and then we come home and now it is evening and I have been reading some the roads are getting mudy again there is not much snow. good evening for to Night (To day I got a letter from B.B. Beard Louisa A. Rude)

Sunday, February 7.

to day I have been at home all day Frank and Theoph Philips was here all day and we have had some fun. Father and Mother was at Church and then went up to Ockers and we was here alone and we had a good time we was writeing letters and at night we went to preaching at the Old log meeting house it is storming some to night

(Louisa and I had a little laughing spell to day M.A.R. Mary Antinate Baldwin was my name but now it is Mary Antinate Rude no more at present)

Monday, February 8.

This has Been Quite A Stormy Day. It Has Been Snowing Some And Then The Sun Would Shine Out Bright. An Then It Would Snow Again But It Has Not Snowed Enough To Make Much Sleighing. I have Been At The House All Day to Day we Was Mending The Harness This Fore Noon And This Afternoon I Had The Toothache But Now It Has Got Well Again Good Night

(To day I have been helping to wash and my head akes a little but then never mind no more Mary A. Rude)

Tuesday, February 9.

This morning Mary and Louisa and I went to town with the Sleigh and the sleighing was so poor that we had a hard time this afternoon I did not feel very

well and so I did not do much. Mother and Mary was up to Frank Ockers this has been quite a cold day. (If a body meet a body going through the rye if a body kiss a body need a body Cry. No sir· E L.W.R. good Night)

Wednesday, February 10.

To Day we was sawing wood in the woods. Mrs. Cherry and Mrs. Harris was here to day on a visit this has been a plesant day and the Sap run some. to night Tom rude and Jane Abbott (32) and Mr. Bullard and Miss Bullard come here from the Jackson Prairie (33) and Tom and I and Mr. Bullard went down to town we walked thare and back and now we are home again and it is most bed time.

(Lewis is a getting some nonsense in his head about coming through the rye Mary's hand writing)

(32) Tom Rude (Thomas Crandle Rude Jr.) was the son of Thomas Sr. and was the first cousin of Lewis W. Rude. Jane Abbott (Nancy Jane Abbott) was the daughter of Kneeland and Mary (Willis) Abbott (U.S., Indiana, Angola, Steuben County Courthouse, Probate Court, Administration Papers Estate of Thomas C. Rude Sr.). Mary (Willis) Abbott, widow of Kneeland Abbott, married Thomas C. Rude Sr. on February 12, 1849 (Fayne E. Harter, ed., Early Marriage Records of DeKalb County, Indiana 1837-82, p. 15. Also Auburn Deeds, book E, p. 404).

(33) Jackson Prairie was an agricultural community two miles south of Orland, Steuben County, Indiana.

Thursday, February 11.

We was hauling wood this for noon. we was hauling on the sled. the snow is all most gone. this afternoon we went to town for to get some lumber and when we come home Maria Wilkason come home with us Mary and Mother was up to Mr. E Millers to day Maria is here to Night and Theoph Philips was here and we had some fun to day it has not been very cold (Oh that I could See all my Friends once more Mary's hand writing)

Friday, February 12.

To day it has not been very cold and not very warm. but it has been warm enough to thaw some. I was makeing a Shed for the buck board this morning and the rest of the time I have not been doing much Maria was here all day and to night I went and took her home. Mrs Deems was here to day to night Father and Louisa is gone over to the center School house to meeting. we got Some Valentines to day. now it is night and most bed rime ("Oh" how I wish that I was a good singer. then I would hapy be Lewis's hand writing)

Saturday, February 13.

This fore noon we was hauling corn fodder until it got to mudy and this afternoon I went to town and the roads was very mudy and after I come home we was makeing some sap spiles (34) to night Mary and I went to a Spelling School and they had a fine time and the boys and girls had lots of fun

(To Night so you say well we had a fine time O how I wish I were home to day but not so Mary A. Baldwin Rude O how hapy are they who their saviour obey and have laid up their treasures above)

(34) The hollow tube stuck into a hole in a maple tree for the sap to run through into a bucket.

Sunday, February 14.

To day we went up to Hoverstocks meeting house to church and they had a good time They took Sacrament and then we come home and Theoph and Lenora Philips was at our house and we had a fine time and at night we went to church again at the same place and they had a good meeting and they had some Shouting the roads are quite mudy and bad LWR

(Mary Antinate Baldwin Susquehanna Depot Pa.)

Monday, February 15.

This fore noon I was mending the bugy and then I went up to Jacob Delvins and then we was measureing up some wheat and in the afternoon we went to the vilage with a load of Wheat and to night we went up to Harwoods we went a foot and we had a mudy time it was snowing when we come home. L W R

(Well I do get homesick quite often but when I go home then I will stay, that is if Lewis will and I guess he would if I should say I would not come back Mary's hand writing)

Tuesday, February 16

Winter has set in again in ernest and this has been a very cold day and it has been so cold that I have been in the house all day I have felt quite bad to day but I have been sick but have felt bad in mind but I hope that I shall soon feel better now it is night and I will close LWR

(I am a going to peaceing a quilt and then I will have some quilting We are a going to build this spring. Mary A. B. R.)

Wednesday, February 17

This has been a very cold day I was choping wood in the yard this fore noon. Mary and Louisa went to School. this afternoon I went to town and I got some letters. I have a sore on my neck or head that does not feel very well. LWR.

(I went to chool and had a good chool I found a plenty to busy myself about there Mary A Rude Baldwin Judge that ye be not Judged Mary A Baldwin)

Thursday, February 18

This morning Father got a lame back. I guess it was the Rheumatism but to night it is better. it was very cold this morning and Mary and Louisa went to School. and so I went to and I was there all day we had some fun and now it is night and I am at home and I have a bile (35) on the side of my head and it is quite sore and it makes me feel quite bad. Louisa and Clerinda have gone to meeting to night good night LWR

(35) Boil.

Friday, February 19

this fore noon I was choping wood and this afternoon Father and I went to town with the buck board the roads are very rough it has been quite cold to day but not as cold as it was yesterday I got a letter to day from Susquehanna Louisa and Clerinda was down to Wm Balls to day LWR

(My head is very sore to day and it pains me considerable LWR)

Saturday, February 20

To day has been a plesant day and it has been quite warm. I have not felt very well to day and so I have not done much and to night I put some meddicine on my neck and so it feels quite bad and I feel all most sick but I hope I shall soon feel better. Father and Mary and Louisa have gone to meeting to night and I am at home. Theoph. Philips is now here and it is most bed time and I shall soon go to bed to see if I can sleep good night LWR

Sunday, February 21

my Neck and face is very sore to day last night I put some Caustic on it and I put to much on and it has made it a great deal worse and so I have to stay at home to day all alone Mary and Louisa have gone to town to meeting and Father and Mother and Esther are at the meeting house it is most night now and the folks have come home from church and Philips boys have been here and to night some of the folks are going to meeting again. Mary and Louisa are going to town in the buck board to meeting. LWR

(Yes we went to meeting and heard a good sermon Lewis was sick Mary's hand writing)

Monday, February 22

To day is a very plesant day. my head pains me conciderable to day for it is quite sore and I am not able to do much Father is hauling Wheat to market and he has gone with two loads Louisa and Mary are at school. to day is the last day of school (36) and I hope they will have a good time. I would like to have went if I had been well enough father has now come home from town and he got two letters and a paper and the girls have come home from school and Louisa and Esther have gone to spelling school. good night LWR

(36) School was in session only from the first of December thru February.

Tuesday, February 23

This morning we was tapeing (37) some trees and the sap run a little. then we went and masuerd up a load of Wheat and took it to town and then we come home and the roads was very mudy and this Afternoon I have been at home. my head is conciderable better to night LWR (to night I was up to the School house to A Debate but they did not have much of a Debate Lewis's hand writing)

(37) Tapping.

Wednesday, February 24

This morning we was tapeing some trees and then we was makeing sap spiles until noon and then we was taping some more trees and I was writeing some the sap runs some to day but not very fast Louisa is gone down to Henry Balls school to night thare was a war lecture at the meeting house by Mr Pinchem but he did not get any volenteers. (38) my head has go most well again.

(38) Volunteers for the Union Army

Thursday, February 25

This morning we went to working in the sugar camp. we was choping wood and hauling some wood and some sap and makeing a fire to boil it down and this afternoon I went to town a horse back and I got two letters one from: Uncle Scott Baldwin who has gone to Pennsylvania and one from Cousin Lawrance of Wis Mary was up to Frank Ockers this afternoon. now it is night and the wind is blowing and we are seting at the table. some reading and some sewing and some kniting LWR (Sweet is the day of sacred rest)

Friday, February 26

this morning I was choping wood and writeing a letter and choping on a log and this afternoon we was working in the Sugar camp the sap run very fast this afternoon and we was gethering and taping trees we received some letters to day. one from Bessie Martin (33) of Crown Point Ind we was glad to hear from them. I have been kinda angery to day all day but I hope it will not last long for I hate to get "mad" the Women was at Silas Ockers to day. LWR

(37) This Bessie (or Bess) Martin and her husband, Dave (see entry for Saturday, April 30, 1864), were the same Bess and Dave Martin who were living in Bartonville, Broome County, New York, in 1885. Dave and Bess Martin were visiting Crown Point, Indiana, in 1864, where they had relatives. Mary A. Rude and Bess Martin were cousins.

Saturday, February 27

This morning we had quite a storm. it hailed and snowed and rained and thunderd and lightend. we was hauling sap and this afternoon we sugaroff

and the girls was over thare and we had quite a time it has been raining some now it is night and I am some tierd. the roads are very mudy

(This afternoon we went over in the Sugar camp and I have eat all I could. We had fun a going & coming We had old coats on & there was some people see us. we had boots on I have written nine letters this week they all went East but two. Mary)

Sunday, February 28

To day has been quite a cold day. this fore noon I was at home and I was writeing some. and this afternoon we went to a funeral at the burying ground. and we was thare waiting a long time and then we went to see a girl babtised in the creek. and wile we was waiting for them to come we got so cold that we had to build a fire to keep warm. and after a wile they come and babtised the girl and then we come home and the little boy was burried he was drowned in the Cistern yesterday now I am at home and it is night.

Monday, February 29

This fore noon we was makeing some molasses (40) over in the Sugar camp and this afternoon Mary and I went down to town with Old Nell (41) and the buck board and the roads was very bad. it was quite cold and we was at Wm. Shaws a short time. and then we come home. and now it is Night and we are at home and Louisa is gone to meeting at the center school house. they have a protracted meeting there. good night

(40) Maple syrup.
(41) Name of a horse

Tuesday, March 1

This fore noon we was hauling corn fodder and the ground was very rough and we did not haul much. this afternoon we went to town with a load of Wheat. and thare was alot of Soldiers at the Depo and we had to wait a long time and then we bought a new stove and some Dishes for me and Mary are going to keeping house Some way (or) another I do not feel very well to night but I hop shall feel better. good Night

Wednesday, March 2

To day we had a tar (42) up in house hold afairs. father and Mother have moved out of the kitchen and Mary and I are going to Keeping house and to day we have been fixing it up and we have been very busy all day I went to town to get a table and some other things and I got two letters one from Ruth Tarbox and one from B.B. Beard and now it is night and we have got fixed up some and we are very tierd good night

(42) Tear.

Thursday, March 3

This morning I was making a shelf and working around the house and then we went to working in the sugar camp the sap has run quite fast to day and we have been quite busy this is

our first day at keeping house and I like it first rate. and I think we will have a hapy time. it seems more like being married now then (43) it did wen (44) we was married. to day has been a plesant day good night.

(It seems more like home to me than it has although I had rather live at Susquehanna. Mary A. Rude)

(43) Than.
(44) When.

Friday, March 4

To day we have been working in sugar camp. and it has been a good day. the sap has run very fast we sugared off to day. Maria and Jery was up here to day and we was all over in the sugar camp and we had some fun. Franses Shaw (45) was here to day and is here to night. Uncle Crandle (46) is here to night. to night it is raining and I think it is going to rain conciderble We have worked very hard to day and to night I am tierd

(45) Probably a member of the family of the father of William Shaw.
(46) Thomas Crandle Rude.

Saturday, March 5.

This morning it had been snowing some Esther went home with Uncle Crandle this morning. I do not know if she will stay or not we was working in the camp to day and we made about 40 pounds of sugar and we got every thing full of sap and it was running quite fast to night Louisa went to town to day and Franses come home with her. the roads are quite mudy now I am some tierd to night but it is most time to go to bed. I like keeping house first rate.

Sunday, March 6.

Mary and I went down to day to the church and we heard Mr. Force preach and thare was some joined the church. and among the rest was Mary. we was at Jerys and Marias for Dinner and we was thare until most night and then we come home and we had a mudy time this has been a plesant day. to night we was at meeting at the old church to hear Mr. Martin preach. (This is my birth day. I was born 1847 Mary A. Rude)

Monday, March 7.

To day we went to working in the Sugar camp again and we had so much Sap that we did not know what to do with it and a good deal run to waste we was working at it all day and we made some Sugar. this is a good time to make sugar (47) this has been a very plesant day and it has been quite warm. Frank and Alonzo Shaw (48) are here to day and now it is night and I am going to bed.

(47) Probably members of the family of the father of William Shaw.

(48) Sap runs best when it freezes at night and then warms during the day.

Tuesday, March 8.

We was working in the Sugar camp as hard as we could. we was choping wood and hauling sap and boiling sap and sugared off this afternoon I went to town with old Nell and the buckboard and I got some things to keep house with and I got a letter from Mother Baldwin and a picture of little Carrie, Marys sister. we had a lot of Women here to day. it is time to go to bed now

Wednesday, March 9.

To day the Sap did not run much and so we did not have much to do at gethering sap we boiled what we had and gethered some by hand and sugard off. it has been quite a warm day and the mud is drying up quite fast but to night it looks as if we was going to have some rain I was mending my boot this afternoon Clerinda Harwood was here to day and her and Louisa have gone up to Philips to see Theoph. he is sick.

Thursday, March 10.

This morning it was raining and Father and I went to the Sugar camp to make some sugar and it was noon by the time we got it done. and then I was at work a cleaning out the wood house and then I went to town and it was most night when I got home. Mary and Louisa and Clerinda was up to Geo. Zeiglers to day. the roads have got very mudy again. to day is the day for the draft (49) and I supose some poor fellows will have to go

(49) Draft for the Civil War.

Friday, March 11.

it was raining this morning and every thing is full of water and the roads are very mudy I was not doing much until 10 Oclock and then we was hauling some wood. this afternoon I was spliting wood and now it is night and Mary and I are seting by the lamp. I am writeing and Mary is makeing a beau (50). to night it is some colder good night LWR

(My Beau is done it is a pretty purple Mary's hand-writing)

(50) A looped knot, as of ribbon.

Saturday, March 12.

Father and I went and turned the water out of the sap trouths and then I was writing some and choping some wood. and then I was takeing some beef out of the barrel (51) and washed it and put it back in the barrel in the celler. this afternoon I went to town and Frank Philips come home with me and eat Supper here LWR

(And what did you and Frank do at Town Mary Rude)

(51) Probably pickled as a method of preservation.

Sunday, March 13.

Last night when we went to bed it was raining this morning it had been snowing and the snow was about three inches deep but the snow is very soft and I do not think it will last long. I have been at home to day all day. I did not feel very well I have got a lame leg I was sleeping part of the time and now it is night and Mary is singing. and it is most bed time good night

Monday, March 14.

This has been a very stormy day it has been snowing the most of the time but it has not snowed much to night it is quite cold. I was helping to drive some steers away that I sold I have not felt very well to day. I have got a bad cold and my leg is very lame and so I have not done much.

Tuesday, March 15.

To day has been quite a cold day and it is most like winter. I have not been doing much to day. Father was sowing clover seed I was down to town and at the Cooper Shop I got a letter from Uncle George Baldwin (52) and I allso got his Photograph. Mary and Louisa was up to Noble Cherries a most all day to night it is quite cold.

(52) A farmer near Montrose, Pennsylvania.

Wednesday, March 16.

I was not doing much this morning until nine Oclock and then I went to the woods and choped down a tree and choped off a rail cut (53) and choped some stove wood and then come to dinner. Father was sowing cloverseed this afternoon I went up to Philips to see Theoph. he has got most well again I then come home and choped some more wood and then come and done my chores and had my Supper. it has been quite cold to day

(53) A length of log equal to what was considered a

desirable length for rails used for building fence.

Thursday, March 17.

This fore noon I was Sawing and Spliting wood in the wood house. it is quite cold to day and it has been snowing some. and it has been quite a wintry day. this afternoon we went down to town to mill with the Wagon and we had a mudy time for the roads are very bad. I was down to Joseph Jonsons I got two letters to day at the Office one from Endora Baldwin and one from B H Hitchcock of Toledo Ohio.

Friday, March 18.

This has been a very cold stormy day. it has been snowing and blowing all day I was working at some quilting frames and at Shaveing horse (54) Winslow Harwood was here to day he has been gone for about five months and has Just come home to night it is quite cold and now it is most bed time LWR

(54) A wooden frame on legs about three feet high, used to support boards or timbers whose surface is being smoothed with a plane or drawshave.

Saturday, March 19.

I was finishing the quilting frames this fore noon. and we got them done. this afternoon I went to town. Mary got a letter from Grand Father Baldwin (55) they was all well I come home from town with Joseph Lewis in the wagon and we had a good time for it was so cold that we like to froze and the road was very rough. to night Aunt Mary and Caroline (56) is here. and Uncle Crandle and Samuel Ryason was here but have gone to town I was a little spunky to night

(55) Mathew.

(56) Aunt Mary was the wife of Thomas Crandle Rude. Caroline may have been the daughter of Samuel Ryason (or Ryerson) who was called uncle by Lewis Rude. On the Rude side of the family there was no one by this name whom Lewis Rude could have called uncle. It must be that Samuel Ryason married a sister of Sophia (Stoddard) Rude, Lewis Rude's mother.

Sunday, March 20.

This has been a very cold day it is the coldest weather that I ever saw for the time of year Uncle Crandle and Aunt Mary left this morning

in our Wagon they broke their wagon down so they will have to fix it. I did not go to church to day for it was so cold and rough Noble Cherry and Joseph Lewis and Benton Beard was here to day to night we went to meeting but the preacher did not come

Monday, March 21.

This fore noon I was choping wood in the woods. I was choping Stove wood it was quite cold to day but not as cold (as) it was yesterday. this afternon it was quite plesant I was makeing a lounge (57) this afternoon but did not get it done. Joseph Jonson and his wife was here to day. Uncle Crandle and Aunt Mary come back to night and Louisa and Caroline and Uncle and Aunt Ryason is gone up to Deems to night. now it is most bed time and so good night

(57) Probably a seat or settle.

Tuesday, March 22.

We was hauling wood and fodder this fore noon and it was quite cold. Mrs. Willard is at Fathers to day this afternoon I went to town and was thare a wile and then come home the roads are a good deal better now then (58) they was. I was fixing the Lounge this Evening and now we have got it so that we can set on it Mary has got a quilt on (59)

(58) Than.

(59) On the quilting frame.

Wednesday, March 23.

this morning and fore noon I was Spliting wood and working around the house and Father was hauling some wood to the meeting house this afternoon we working in the Sugar camp. I was empting the trouths of ice and choping some logs and now it is night and I have been peeling some apples and Mary is choping some meat for mince pies and it is most bed time for Father and Mother have gone to bed

Thursday, March 24.

This morning I went to invite Some quilters. I was at George Zeiglers and Mr. Delvens and Mr. Millers and then we was hauling fodder. and we got down this afternoon we was working in the Sugar camp but the Sap did not run much. Mary had a quilting (60) this afternoon and so we had a lot of

Women here this has been a plesant day and quite warm

(60) A group of woman are invited in to assist in making a quilt.

Friday, March 25.

Now I will try and tell what I have been doing to day. at first I got up and eat my breakfast and done the chores and then went to hauling Sap. and it commenced to snow and Theoph Philips come thare and it snowed quite hard we did not get much sap. we hauled up some trouths and then come home and Theoph come home with me and was here to dinner. after dinner we went over to the sugar camp and went to boiling Sap. and then I come home and got the Cattle out of the Stuble field and I was over to the camp again and now it is night and Mary is quilting and it is most time to go to bed. I have a pain in my side to night.

Saturday, March 26.

We have been working in the camp to day we had to gether the Sap twice and we made some Sugar and Molasses and in the afternoon I went to town a horse back for to get the mail and got three letters and Four papers one letter from Father Baldwins and one from Julia Tompkins and one from Iowa. to day has been very plesant and warm.

Sunday, March 27.

To day has been a very plesant day and it has been quite warm Frank and Theoph was here this morning and then we went to church to hear Mr. Tumbleson preach but he did not preach much and then we come (home) and Frank was here at dinner and Theoph after awile. and now it is good night and we have been writing and now I am going to bed good night LWR

Monday, March 28.

This morning we got up early and went to work in the Sugar camp and we had a good deal of sap to gether and some wood and logs to haul and chop wood and boil sap. this afternoon we Sugard off and we did not get done until about dark. about four Oclock it begun to rain and it rained quite hard and I was doing the chores and I got very wet and had to strip. now it is raining very hard and the roads will

be very Mudy. Now it is night and I am some tierd and I think that I will go to bed prety soon

Tuesday, March 29.

We went to work in the sugar camp to day we was boiling sap and hauling sap and in the afternoon I sugard off and Father went to town Frank Ocker was Over in the camp and I burnt the sugar some it was raining some to day and the ground is very wet and the roads are very bad.

Wednesday, March 30.

This morning we went over in the camp for to make some molasses and we made about two gallons and now we are done makeing sugar until we have another run after dinner Theoph Philips come here and we went to town and we had a wet walk. I boutht a few things and some fish and come home. it has been raining some to day now it is night and I hope it will soon stop raining and we have good roads

Thursday, March 31.

and now the last day of March has come and gone and we will never see it again in the year 1864. it has not rained much to day but it has been cloudy. to day I was choping wood at an Old Walnut top and makeing a bench to put the water pail on Mary was washing to day the roads are about as bad as they can be. the mud is very deep. now it is night and I have got a sore Eye.

Friday, April 1.

This is the first day of April and it is what we call old "fools" day but I have not been fooled much. I was choping some wood in the wood house this morning and was fixing a door to the ..... (61) and was caring (for) the horses and fixing the harness and the Carage (62) and this afternoon I was choping stove wood at the old black walnut top a part of the time and part of the time I was doing nothing good night

(61) Perhaps the outhouse or backhouse used as a toilet. Modesty may have dictated that the name was unmentionable.

(62) Surrey.

Saturday, April 2.

I was chopping some wood this forenoon in the woods. Mr. Harris and his boy was choping for Father and Father went to a caucus meeting at Hoverstocks school house. after dinner Frank Philips come here and we went to town we went a foot across the woods and we had a fine time it Has been quite cloudy to day and the sun has Shone not much

Sunday, April 3

This was a very butiful morning and the Sun shone quite bright and every thing looked quite bright. I did not go to church to day Mary and I was takeing a walk this afternoon and we was down in the feild and across the run (63) and when we come home we found some little lambs and the crows was trying to eat one up. Frank Philips and Theoph was here this evening and so was Winslow Harwood and we had some fun Win was here all night he set up with L (64)

(63) A small creek.
(64) Lambs.

Monday, April 4

Winslow Harwood was here this morning until nine oclock and then he went to town to Election and Father and I went up to the center to election and Oh what a time we had. it was raining and the mud was very deep. We went a horse back and we got as wet as rats before we got thare. thare was a good many thare we voted and then come home. we had a hard time it has been raining all day and so I have been at home I have been takeing care of some lambs (Jonathan M. Baldwin went to War to day that is my Father Mary's handwriting)

Tuesday, April 5

I have not been doing much to day. it has been raining all day but it has not raind very hard but the ground is very wet and the water in the run is comeing up. I was fixing the bestead and choping some wood and makeing some splints etc etc I wish it would ever get good weather and good roads for so long have had bad roads for so long that I am geting tird of them but we will have to put up with it LWR

Wednesday, April 6

And now another day has past another night has come it has not rained much to day but the ground is very wet and we cannot do much. I will be glad when we can go to work. I was makeing some little baskets to day and choping some wood and cleaning out the stable father was making baskets to day good night Lewis Wilson Rude Jarvis Ind

Thursday, April 7

This morning we went to the Sugar camp and got the barrels and kettels for sugar makeing is over for this year then we hauld some wood and I was makeing a trouth and this afternoon I was helping Mother to make soap. Father went to town and he got three letters one from Susquehanna and by it we learned that Marys father has gone to the army. he went last monday. we feel very bad about it

Friday, April 8

I went up to George Zeiglers this morning for to

have him come and get some potatoes and then took the wagon out to the feild for to take the potatoes out of the holes (65) and George come over and got 8 bushel and we brought the rest to the house and put them in the celler. thare was alot of folks went a past here to day going to California they had about thirty horses this afternoon it has been raining all of the time raining now

(65) Potatoes, like applies, were buried in the ground below the frost line for preservation until dug up

Saturday, April 9.

I was makeing a trouth this morning for to put soap in Theop Philips come wile I was fixing the trouth and him and I went to town about ten Oclock. and I was thare all day it was raining some to day and Oh dear what a time it is rain and sunshine and Mud and watter and the roads are so bad that it allmost impossible to get around at all but we will have to put up with it and hope for better

Sunday, April 10

I have been at home all day to day the roads are so bad that we could not go any place to church and so we had to stay at home. I was writeing a letter to Byron Beard to day Emanuel Miller was at Fathers to day Frank Philips come here this afternoon and he will be here all night he is going to work for us for six months he is going to begin tomorrow. thare was to be meeting at the Old church to night but I guess the roads are so bad there will be none LWR

Monday, April 11

We have had a fine day to day. the only one for a long time. it has been quite warm and plesant. Frank Philips begun to work to day. we was sawing and spliting rails and we have been to work quite hard. we made about 200 rails. now it is about sundown and I have my work done for to day. frank has not come in yet. we have had a good time to day. good night

Tuesday, April 12

We was fixing up the fence around the woods lot this forenoon and we had a hard time for the ground was very wet. I was geting out Apples this afternoon and frank was picking up on the meadow and a choping some last night Frank and I slep to gether and Louisa and Mary and after we had got to bed Frank Ocker come down for Mother (66) and she was thare till ten oclock to day. Frank has got a little baby girl good for him Father went to town this afternoon and He got a letter for Mary from Mrs. Stringham and she got their Photographs Mother is all most sick to night LWR

(66) To assist with child birth.

Wednesday, April 13

Frank and I have been choping in the old woods pasture to day. it has been partly choped for a long time and now I am going to clear it off. we got all of it choped on this side of the run and we choped some wood to day has been quite cool and it has rained a little Mother is better Father is not very well to night I killed and old rooster to night and we have had some fun a cleaning him. I am some tierd to night

Thursday, April 14

This morning we went to plowing that is Frank went to plowing and I was picking up (67) some on the feild and then Father and I was sawing off a rail cut. and this afternoon we split it up into rails and it was a hard thing. I went to town to day in about two Jerks of a dead lambs tail (68) and I got two letters one from Mother Baldwin and it had $10.00 dollars in it we had an old rooster for dinner to day good night

(67) Picking up stones, brush and trash.

(68) Meaning very quickly. The origin of this local expression is unknown. It is still used.

Friday, April 15

We went to plowing and building fence and about nine Oclock it went to raining and so we had to quit work. we was choping some to day when it was not raining it has rained conciderble to day. Theop Philips was here for Supper to night. He brought me a letter from town to day. it was from Ebben Stoddard

Saturday, April 16

To day I was over to Jacob Showalters to help him to lay the foundation to his barn. we had to place the stone and put on the sills and put them to gether and pin in the sleepers and it was very mudy thare it took us about all day. we had some fund and some hard lifting to do. Frank was choping and Father went to town. it has been quite cool to day. I did not feel very well to night

Sunday, April 17

To day it has been quite plesant but not very warm I have been to home most all day. Theop Philips was here and we went up to Frank Ockers to see the "baby" and then we come home and Theop went to Noah Showalters Frank come before night and we took a walk down to Jacob Showalters and then come home and Theop was here to supper and we had some fun and not it is night and I am going to bed prety soon.

Monday, April 18

This morning Frank went to plowing again. he is plowing for Oats in the feild by the burying

ground (69) Father and I was building over the fence. I was stakeing off the ground for my house. I do not know when I will commence to build it. the Asesser (70) was here to day. I was cleaning out the fence row and building some fires this afternoon Now it is night Frank has a pain in his side

(69) One acre of the Rude farm was fenced off to serve as a cemetery.
(70) Assessor.

Tuesday, April 19

To day has been a plesant day. it has not been very warm but plesant it (is) beginning to look like spring. the ground is drying quite fast and I hope we shall soon have good roads Frank was plowing and I was burning some trunks (71) and brush and I was working some in the garden. we had a letter to day from Father Baldwin. he is at Harrisburg Penn. he is well and he says he likes Army life first rate. I am glad of it.

(71) Tree trunks or logs

Wednesday, April 20

Frank was plowing to day he got most done I was hauling brush out of the Orchard that Father trimed of from the Apple trees I was working some in the garden we all went to meeting to night at the old Church Mr. Martin was the preacher and he and his wife is at Fathers to night they organized a Sabath School last night and took a collection for some papers and books I hope they will have a good time and teach the children in the way they should go

Thursday, April 21

Frank finished plowing over in the Oats ground and then we hauled three loads of wood and a load of hay and then we went to plowing in the orchard I was plowing part of the time and part of the time I was hauling of brush Mary and Louisa went to town to day a foot and they was gone all day and so we eat dinner and supper with Mother. Mary bought her (self) two new dresses and a pair of shoes it has been very plesant to day and quite warm

Friday, April 22

We was plowing in the orchard to day it commenced to rain about noon. but we kept to work for it did not rain very hard we got done plowing about four Oclock and then it commenced to rain harder and faster and more of it and we was splitting wood. there was preaching at the meeting house to night and so we all went to meeting the roads have got some mudy again I am afraid that we are going to have a great deal of rain now I hope not LWR

Saturday, April 23

We have had a very rainy day to day. I was makeing a little basket this fore noon and this afternoon I went to town and Theoph Philips was thare we

was down to the Saw mill and it rained very hard we had to come home in the rain and we got quite wet

Sunday, April 24.

This has been a very rainy day the ground is very wet and the big run is very high it has rained all day. Noble Cherry and Joseph Lewis was at Fathers to day and they had a prayer meeting I have been at home all day. I have not felt very well I have been———— I was writeing some letters Frank Philips is here to night we have got a sick Cow

Monday, April 25

It had quit raining this morning and we went to work over in the woods at an ash tree that had fell down and and we cut about one cord of wood and three saw logs and sawed enough logs for 100 rails and split 46 rails and then we come home it rained a little just before night but not much. we had a letter to day from My Father in law and we got his likeness he is or was at Harrisburg. he was well when he wrote

Tuesday, April 26

Frank and I was makeing rails and choping wood in the woods this fore noon and this afternoon frank is choping wood and I have not been doing much. I have Just received a letter from Byron Beard he is now at Cairo Ill. Louisa got a letter from Esther Norragan (72) She is now at Uncle Crandles Mrs. Joseph Showalter is now in the other room. It is not night yet but I have wrote this before night

(72) Noragon.

Wednesday, April 27.

This fore noon I was working around the house I was makeing a crank for the grind stone and was choping wood some of the time. I was over to Man Millers this afternoon Frank and I was choping timber for the house I am going to build. we cut some trees for Sills and some for sleepers. it has been quite plesant to day. to night it is some cool Louisa is gone over to Harwoods to day. LWR

Thursday, April 28

This forenoon we was hauling rails and building fence. we was building the fence over at the North side of the Orchard. this afternoon Frank was choping wood and Father and I was makeing a drag (73) but we did not get it done. we are going to sow our Oats to morrow if nothing hapens it was quite cool this morning but it has been a plesant day but it has not been very warm we have to haul some stone in the morning

(73) Harrow.

Friday, April 29

We was hauling Stone this forenoon until most noon. we hauled 7 load. they was on the ground were we sowed the Oats we hauled them for the house we are going to build and then we went to sowing and draging in (74) Oaths I went to town this

afternoon and Louisa and Mother went with the buckboard and they went to Joe Johnsons and I had to stay till most night and then I went thare and got my supper (We had a letter to day from Susquehanna)

(74) The oats were scattered by hand on top of the ground and were then harrowed (or dragged) to cover them with dirt.

Saturday, April 30

Frank was draging in the oats to day and he got done before night I have been down to Jacob Showalters to help him raise his barn it rained some in the fore noon but we got the barn up before night. thare was a good many thare and we had some fun. I have had a pain in my side about all day Father went to meeting to day up to Mr. Clevards he will be gone all night James Johnson come here this afternoon and will be here all night. Winslow Harwood is here to night. we had a letter to day from Dave and bess Martin Crown Point ind (April is now gone)

Sunday, May 1

The first day of May now has come but it is not very warm but quite cool today. I have been at home to day all day Father did not come till most night. Louisa was gone to meeting and Mother was over to Millers. Mary was up to Frank Ockers. it has been a very long day for me I have not felt very well Theoph and John Reese was here this morning Julia Lewis was here this afternoon I hope we shall soon have some warmer weather was writeing some to day

Monday, May 2

This has been a very cold day for May the wind has blew and it has been cold all day. We was hauling Manure in the garden this fore noon and plowing it and we hauled a load of hay down to the stable this afternoon I have had such a pain in my side that I have not been doing very much Frank was hauling Manure from the Stable over in the corn field. I have felt about sick and Mary is most sick to. school commenced to day Louisa went Miss Taylor Teaches

Tuesday, May 3

We was hauling manure this forenoon until Frank broke the wagon and then we went to plowing for corn I went to town this afternoon. I was thare till most night I have not been very well to day I have had such a pain in my side. it has been quite cool to day and very windy.

Wednesday, May 4

This morning Father went to find some lumber for our house and he got some about 11 miles from here. we was plowing to day and we hauled out some dung and some stone. Mother is up to Cherries to day. Louisa was at school. it has been quite warm to day I have had some pain in my side to day and I could not do much. I was working some in the garden. Frank Found and Indian

ornament to day wile plowing. it is silver and it is quite nice. it is round like the sun. it has got holes cut through it. it was worn on a belt it may have lain there for years.

Thursday, May 5

We have been plowing to day for corn I have a pain in my side yet. to day noon we was ..... we was sheling some corn for seed to day I went to town this afternoon I got a letter and Photograph of Grand Father Baldwin (75). I got a letter from Wash Burns he is near Chattanooga Tenn. wile I was gone Mr. White come and ..... my colt it has been quite warm to day the warmest day of the year

(75) Mathew Baldwin who lived on a farm near Montrose, Penn.

Friday, May 6

To day has been a very warm day. I was working in the wood house this morning and then we was hauling some stone off of the meadow Mary and Mother was up to Philips to day I was working in the wood house to day. I was tring to make a place to put the stones in. I did not get it done but I got very tierd. I have been most sick to day. my side hurts me so and I have a bile on my upper lip. it has been very warm to day

Saturday, May 7.

we put the stone in the wood house to day and I was working at it a part of the time I got very tierd and it was very warm and I was about sick my lip and side hurts me so. I was working in the garden some. Esther come home to night. she come home with Mr. Tatten and he is here to night we had a nice rain last night. I feel very bad to night

Sunday, May 8

Our Sabbath school commenced to day I went and thare was a good many thare I have been at home the rest of the time. I have not felt very well. I was writeing a letter to Grand father Baldwin. Frank and Theoph was here this afternoon we was walking around some it has been very warm

Monday, May 9

This morning I was up to Joe Lewis to see about some stone and then I was cleaning out the cellar and fixing it to put milk in. this afternoon we was moveing our bed out of the bedroom down in the kitchen and puting another in the bed room for frank to sleep on. We had quite a rain this afternoon. it has been very warm I have not felt very well. Frank was plowing Mr. Wiggins is at Fathers to night

Tuesday, May 10

This morning when we got up it had been raining and it has been raining the most of the day. Frank and I started

to town and we met Frank Zeigler comeing after some Oats and I had to come back with him and get them and then I went to town and was thare till most night. Old Gen Grant has had a hard fight (76) with the Rebels and they say he has given them a good whipping. I hope it is so. it has rained a good deal and now it is quite cold

(76) Battle of the Wilderness May 5 and 6, 1864, near Chancellorsville, Virginia.

Wednesday, May 11

To day Frank went home to plow and he will be home all night. Father and Mother and Louisa and Esther went to town and was thare till afternoon I was at home I was not doing much. I was fixing the Stove pipe and after Supper Father and I was working in the Wheat field a clearing of some stones and chunks it was quite cold this morning but it is some warmmer to night the ground is quite wet

Thursday, May 12

We had quite a frost this morning but I guess it did not do any hurt but we will not have much fruit this year for the Apples are not blossoming much and the peaches was all killed by the winter and the grapes and cherries are all killed and the grape vines. we was picking over some Apples and potatoes this A.M. and this P.M. I went to town. Old Grant is still giveing the rebbels (77)...I went to day to Toledo for some Doors and Sash. It has been some warmer this afternoon

(77) Battle of Spottsylvania, Virginia, May 10, 1864.

Friday, May 13

This morning we went to plow a garden for Mr. Carr. he is liveing were Man Miller did. then frank went to plowing in the corn ground. I was makeing a bench. and was in the woods looking for some rafters and choping down a tree. the girls and I was fishing some in the run it has got quite warm to day I have been quite "Sober" to day. one will have trouble if they are married and some times I think more.

Saturday, May 14

Frank got done plowing to day at. noon and then we hauled some wood. Frank was draging this afternoon I was spliting some wood and working round the house. it has not been very warm to day it has tried to rain some but not much. the last we heard from the Army our side was whipping the rebels like sixty (78) I hope they will kill them all off. it is now night and Frank has gone home.

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(78) The Battle of Spottsylvania was resumed May 12, 1864. It was one of the bloodiest of the Civil War.

Sunday, May 15

This morning I went to sunday School and then we was at preaching and after dinner we went down by Jacob Showalters to see some babtised but thare was not any babtised and then we come home and Mary and I and Frank and Louisa went and took a ride in the cariage. we was up to Hamilton and around and back home I am most sick to night

Monday, May 16

Lewis has been most sick we was getting ready to plant Corn this forenoon Frank got done draging and then went to furrowing (79) out the corn ground Lew went up to Philips to get them to help plant corn tomorrow no more at present (80).

(79) Marking out the corn ground so as to plant the corn in rows about 30 inches a part.

(80) Mary's handwriting.

Tuesday, May 17

To day we commenced planting corn Theo (81) was a helping us Lewis is almost sick. he went out this afternoon to help and he only went one round and was so sick he had to come to the House he has the Bilous fever and had to have the Doctor Carpenter to night he is not able to sit up eny Mary I hope he will soon feel better for it is so lonesome to have him sick Mary

(81) Theophilus Philips.

Wednesday, May 18

To day I have been laying a bed all day I have not felt so bad as I did yesterday the Doctor was here this morning he thinks I will soon get well but I don't know how it will be Father and Frank and Theoph was planting corn but I guess they will not get done. it has been very warm to day. I hope I will soon be well again LWR Mary is most sick

Thursday, May 19

this morning I felt a little better but I got a chill before noon and then I had a very hard fever and I was very sick I never had such feelings before Father went after the Doctor but could not get him and so he got some meddicine Frank and Father got done planting corn and potatoes to day

Friday, May 20

Last night I was quite sick all night and I felt quite bad all day the Doctor was here to see me this morning Frank and Father was hauling out manure. it has been a very hot day. I hope I

shall soon get well again so that I can go to work again for I hate to be sick.

Saturday, May 21

I have felt some better to day. I have been able to set up some and eat some. Frank was at home to work today he was marking out the corn ground with old Nell. Father was draging in the Orchard. it has been very warm to day. Louisa and Esther went to town Theoph Philips was here this afternoon. I hope I shall soon be able to go out doors and be at work for I do hate to be shet up in the house The ground is geting quite dry

Sunday, May 22

I am some better to day I have been able to be out doors a little and I have set up the most of the day. Frank and Adaline Ocker was here to day about all day Mary was at Sunday School and to meeting Theoph was here at dinner and we all eat to gether

Monday, May 23

I am Still getting stouter to day. I have been able to go out to the barn and hunt the eggs and out to the feild were frank and father was at work they was draging in the Orchard and planting it to potatoes and plowing a truck patch (82). this afternoon frank went up to Hamilton with the buck board to take a man up thare and he has not got back yet. the School Miss is at Fathers to night.

(82) A vegetable garden.

Tuesday, May 24

This is my birthday. I am 23 years old to day. Oh what a change has come over me since my last birth day. then I was single and now I have a Wife. I wonder what will hapen by next birth day. time will tell. Father and Frank was washing Sheep (83) this fore noon. and frank was planting some beans and corn. he was hauling Stone this P.M. we had some rain this afternoon but not much. I have been able to be around to day but have not felt very Stout. good night

(83) In preparation for shearing.

Wednesday, May 25

We had quite a rain last night and this morning the ground was quite wet. Frank and Father went to sowing and draging in Hungarian grass (84) but the ground was to wet. and Father went to town with a load of hay and Frank was spliting rails I was fishing some this afternoon and they went to sowing and draging grass again. I have been in the house and out doors some. I feel a little stouter but not much.

(84) Millet.

Thursday, May 26

Frank was draging some this morning and then he went to find the Scraper (85) but he could not find it and then we went and plowed some for my celler where I am going to have my house. and then frank and I went to find the scraper. we went up

to Elias Keflers and it was not thare and then we went to Edward Jackmans and found it. and then we went to scraping at the celler but we did not do much for the scraper was broke. and frank went to hauling stone I am not able to do much yet

(85) A horse drawn machine with a large steel blade used in smoothing (or scraping) roads. Lewis wanted to use it in excavating a cellar for his house.

Friday, May 27

I was at home this fore noon. I was not doing much. I was seting out some Cabage plants. Frank was hauling stone to day. this afternoon Father and I went to twon with Jin (86) and the buck board and we was thare quite a wile and then come home. it has been quite warm to day. I am not very stout yet but I think I shall soon be able to go to work.

(86) Name of horse.

Saturday, May 28

Frank was hauling some stone and rails this fore noon. Jery Lewis come here this morning and wanted me to go to Waterloo and get a road Scraper and so I took old Nell and the buck board and went but I did not get any Scraper for they did not have any and so I come home with out any. I was at a burying this P.M. of Sarah Roberts baby. it died yesterday Frank and Father was building fence this afternoon but I did not do much.

Sunday, May 29

To day we have been rideing around to meeting we was over to the center School house to preaching and then we went to Mr. Kesters for dinner. and after dinner we went down by Lon Finys for to see some babtised and we saw them and then come home by Mr. Hackleys and we are now at home. it has been quite cool to day.

Monday, May 30

We went down to town this morning for to get the horses shod. we got home about ten oclock and then we went to hauling wood and we was hauling wood this afternoon and then Frank and Father was building fence. and I was around the house Mary does not feel very well and so I have to help her some. I am not very stout yet. I am not able to do much. it has been quite warm to day

Tuesday, May 31

To day Father and I have been up to Gordons Saw Mill in Steuben County for to get a load of lumber and we got a load of sideing 1240 feet we got back by four Oclock and then we was sticking up (87) the lumber Frank was working on the road. we had a letter to day from Father Baldwin. he was then Near Washington but expected to leave for South Carolina in a short time.

(87) Stacking lumber with sticks between each board.

Wednesday, June 1

This morning we went to scrapeing in the cellar but they soon came after the scraper and then we had to quit. we then went to town and hauled in some saw logs to get sawed. and it was raining some this afternoon. we was cleaning out the Cistern. we had a lot of water to pump out and then I had to get in it and clean out a lot of dirt and it was a nasty job we hitched up my colt to night and drove him around some. quite cool

Thursday, June 2

We was working in the corn to day we was cutivateing and hoeing and planting over. the corn has come up very well but the birds have pulled up a good deal and so we have to plant over a good deal. and so it goes quite slow it has been quite warm to day it is some cooler to night I was washing of the Cariage to day for it was very dirty

Friday, June 3

This morning Mary and I went to town and bought a few things we got a letter from Mother Baldwin. they was well. Mr Philips was here Shearing sheep to day. he sheared 30 sheep. I was helping to tie up the wool. Frank was working in the corn. I did not help much. I only went one round. it has been very plesant to day but we need some rain very bad for the ground is getting quite dry and the pasture getting poor.

Saturday, June 4

I was helping about the sheep this morning. we have got the sheep all sheared now. I was washing the meat and putting it down in the celler. this afternoon I went to town I was down to the saw mill thare was a gethering at the bridge to night they are going to build a new bridge at ..... they met to sell the job. Jo Richeson is going to build it for $124 dollars good night

Sunday, June 5

This morning Mary and I went down to town at the M.E. Church to meeting we went in the Cariage. after meeting we went to Jery Lewis for dinner and was thare till most night and then we came home.

(to day I was up to sunday school and after sunday school I went over to George Zeiglers and thare was a good many young folks over thare and we had a good deal of fun Louisa)

Monday, June 6

This morning Father & I went to the saw mill at town for a load of lumber and Frank went to working in the corn in the afternoon we went after another load of lumber and I was Sticking it up. to night Frank and I went to town for to see a show they had quite a time. they had pictures of Astronomy and of the Bible and of the War and of fun

Tuesday, June 7

Father went up to Gordons mill in Steuben Co. to day to get a load of Lumber. he got back

about four Oclock Frank got through with the Corn. I was hoeing some corn and planting some Sweet corn I have not felt very well to day I have been about sick this afternoon but I hope I am not going to be sick

(to day I washed and scrubed and done a good deal of other work and this A.M. I went up to Mr Ockers and Pames Zeiglers Children come Louisa)

Wednesday, June 8

This fore noon Frank and I was burning some brush and chunks and logs on the bottom and Frank was working thare this afternoon thare was some boys here to day at noon that had Dulcimers to sell and they played us some very nice music. They wated us to buy one but we could not afford it we was hauling some lumber to day from town

Thursday, June 9

To day we have been Scrapeing in the celler Mother and Mary have gone up to Elias Keflers Father was to a raising of a Barn at Mr Deems to day to night Frank and I went to town after a load of lumber. we are haveing very dry weather now. the ground is getting quite dry. the corn and Oats cannot grow much until we have some rain we have warm days and cool nights the Wheat is not going to be very good it is now out in head some of the grass is good and some not.

Friday, June 10

this morning we was scrapeing in the celler. and then Ed Jackman come and got the scraper and we had to quit and go at it with the maddic (88) and Shovel. and Frank was working at it all day it is going to be very hard to dig after dinner Mary and I went to town. I took down 25 pounds of wool and got 75 cents a pound. the roads are very dry and dusty now. Frank has gone home to night. he is going off on a visit tomorrow

(88) Mattock.

Saturday, June 11

This morning Frank and his Father went to Defiance Co. Ohio with doll (89) and the buckboard. Father went after a load of lumber to Gordons mill. I was working around the house in the fore noon and after dinner I went to town I was at the Cooper Shop and seen them make Tobacco boxes. I come home before night and was unloading some lumber that Father got at the mill. we have very cool nights now and sometimes some frost

(89) Name of horse.

Sunday, June 12

Some was I have not felt very well to day. I went to Sunday school this morning but thare was not many thare. and so I did not stay long I have been Sleeping some to day. and now it is about night and quite cool. Frank has come home. we think some of going out to Uncle Crandles (90) to morrow. I have had a pain in may side to day

(90) At Jackson Prairie, two miles south of Orland, Steuben County, Indiana

Monday, June 13

This morning Father and Mother and Mary and I started thare for Uncle Crandles we come as far as Hamilton and stoped there to get the buggy fixed thare was a man Hung himself at Hamilton last night and he was still hanging when we was thare. we then come on to Ben Eckrights (91) and was thare for super and then we come on to Uncle Crandles and we was here all night it is very dry and dusty all the way it was quite cool this morning but it was quite warm in the middle of the day. Some of the Crops here look quite well and some of them are quite poor.

(91) Benjamin Eakright married Polly Ann Shaw. This is known from the records of the Probate Court of DeKalb County, Auburn, Indiana, Probate Order Book Nov. 1848-Feb. 1853, pp. 60-5. In Early Marriage Records of DeKalb County, Indiana 1837-1882, edited by Fayne E. Harter, p. 25, Benjamin Eakright is said to have married Mary Shaw on July 31, 1851. This is not correct. The name of Benjamin Eakright's wife was Polly Ann, not Mary. The error is explained by the fact that some early marriage records were badly damaged by fire and mistakes were made in copying them. Polly Ann Shaw and Ariel William Shaw were the children of Anne (Rude) Shaw who was the sister of Ariel and Thomas Crandle Rude.

Tuesday, June 14

This morning we went up to Orland to get our Photographs taken and the man could not take them till about noon and then we got them taken. that is Father and Mother and Mary and me. and then we went to Uncle Crandles and got our dinner and then we come to george Rudes (92) and Father and I was looking around to see his place and after Super Father and Mother went to Ben Eakrights George and I took a ride over to Old Mr. Wiricks (93)

(92) George Rude was the son of Thomas Crandle Rude (U.S., Indiana, Angola, Steuben County Courthouse, Land Deeds, vol. 18, p. 122. Hereafter cited as Angola Deeds).

(93) "Old Mr. Wirick" was probably the father or grandfather of Cinderella Wirick who married George Rude (Angola Deeds, vol. 22, p. 193).

Wednesday, June 15

This morning we got up at Georges. and we hitched up the horses and come to Ben Eckrights and Ben was sick. we left thare and come on home we got home a little after one Oclock. we had a very dusty time I went down to town afoot after I got home I got a letter from Mother Baldwin they was all well. Father Baldwin was near Richmond the last they heard from him we went to town to

night to get some Sash and Doors in the wagon

Thursday, June 16

This morning we went to plowing and hoeing in the Corn the corn is quite small for the ground is so dry. but we will work a way at it and try to do it some good. I went to town after dinner to send some money to B H Hitchcock of Toledo Ohio for the sash and doors. it was $2.60 cents and then I was hoeing Corn very warm to day

Friday, June 17

We have been Working at the corn to day. we have been **plowing (94) and hoeing all day. we have got over half done it** is very dry and the corn does not grow much but some of it looks very well. Frank has been all most sick to day since supper he has not been out to work it has been very warm to day all most to warm to work.

(94) Plowing in this context means cultivating with a horse-drawn cultivator.

Saturday, June 18

Frank was some better this morning and so we went to working in the corn. Father did not feel very well and so Frank and I was working at it alone we did not get done. at noon we went to the run and took a wash. it has been very warm to day. and we have not had any rain yet we **had a letter to day from Emily Baldwin (95).**

(95) Mary's sister.

Sunday, June 19

This morning we went to Sunday School. thare was a good many Children thare. Mrs. Fisher come home with Father for dinner after dinner Mary and I took a walk Jay Wilkason was here this afternoon. it has been very warm we have had some thunder this afternoon

(Today is a very warm one we have been to Sabbath School and now we are home. I am a little homesick lately if I could only see my folks a while I would jump for joy. well Good day all M.A.R.)

Monday, June 20

This morning Father and I went to working at the corn. I was plowing and Father hoeing we got it all plowed by eleven Oclock. Frank did not come to work to day for he is sick. I do not know how bad. I am in hopes he will be well again in a few days. this afternoon we was repairing the Mowing Machine for to go to mowing and I was hoeing a little corn. it has been very warm no rain

Tuesday, June 21

Father went with the mowing machine up to Geo. Squires to day to mow I was working in the garden this fore noon and I had hard work for it was so dry. Mrs Palmeston and Hannah was here to day this afternoon I was plowing out some potatoes and beans with Jin and I had a hard time for she went so fast I went up to Philips to see Frank he is better and will come to work to morrow I was hoeing some potatoes very warm

Wednesday, June 22

Frank come back this morning. he is not very stout yet we went to mowing with the machine we got one feild done before noon. and it was very warm and the hay dried very fast Father mowed a little in the field in the afternoon we raked up a little of the hay it rained a little and so we had to quit to night Frank and I went to town in the buck board. I got a letter from Lorane Stoddard

Thursday, June 23

This morning Frank and I was mowing (96) out in the fence corners. Father was mowing a little with the machine and then we was rakeing hay. and it was very warm in the afternoon Frank Ocker was helping and we was rakeing and hauling in hay all the time we got it all out of one feild we had seven loads. it was very warm

(96) By hand with scythes.

Friday, June 24

To day our work has been about the same as it was yesterday. we was mowing and stering (97) hay and raking hay and hauling in hay. Frank Ocker was helping us. this has been a very warm day the warmest we have had for a numaer of years

(97) Spreading the hay so that it would dry faster.

Saturday, June 25

Father went to mow some to day for Mr Philips. he got back before noon Frank and I was rakeing hay. our clover is quite heavy and it makes a good deal of hay we was hauling in hay in the afternoon. we hauled 5 loads in the barn and stable and took one load to Dr Carpenter at town. it has been very windy to day and it was quite bad hauling hay and it is still dry and warm.

Sunday, June 26.

We went to Sabbath school this morning and then we was at preaching at the old Meeting house and then we come home for dinner. Jonnathan Hoverstock and Theop. Philips and Laura Philips was here for dinner. and Magdeline Showalter it has been quite warm to day we was writing some letters to night it is thindering and it acts as if it was going to rain

Monday, June 27.

this morning Father was mowing some Frank was mowing some with the scythe and we was working some at the cellar Father went up to George Squires to mow Frank went to help his father get up hay this afternoon and he was thare till night I was not doing much this afternoon Mary was up to Mr. Ockers to night Clerinda harwood and Mary Depugh is here to night. we had some rain and lightning and thunder last night.

Tuesday, June 28

Frank and (I) went to work in the celler this morning and then Mary and I went to town and was thare till ten oclock and then come home and was working at the celler till noon. it was quite cool this morning Father did not get home till noon

to day and then he went to mowing in the clover feild Frank and (I) was stering and rakeing hay and Theoph come after supper and we hauled in a load of hay

Wednesday, June 29

To day our work has been various and at a good many things. at first we went and unloaded a load of hay and then we was going to haul in hay but it begun to rain and so we went and cocked (98) some up. and then we had a good rain and then we was plowing out the truck patch and hoeing it and I was sowing some turneps and frank went to plowing in the corn father and I was rakeing up some hay and puting in cock. it has been a poor hay day Theoph Philips is here to night

(98) The hay was piled in small bunches called cocks of hay.

Thursday, June 30

Father went to mow some for Mr. Philips this morning. Frank and I was working some at the celler and then we was stering some hay after dinner we went to haul in some hay but we had a big rain and wind and then we masurd up some wheat and killed a calf and went to town I got 5 letters 2 for Louisa and 2 for me and one for father from Ben Eckright he has been quite sick I got one from Father Baldwin he has been in the battles. one from Mother Baldwin they are well

Friday, July 1

This morning I was cutting up the veal and cleaning out the celler and Frank went to working in the corn. I was writeing some and so on it was raining some our hay is still out and it is so wet we can do nothing at it. it is spoiled a good deal. Uncle Crandle and Aunt Mary was here this afternoon and they have gone down to town they brought our Photographs they are very good ones. the corn and potatoes can grow very fast now the ground is quite wet now

Saturday, July 2

This morning we went to working at the hay bright and erly. Frank and I went to stering it out and Father went to Elias Keflers to get a horse rake. after dinner Father went to rakeing the hay with the horse rake. Mr. Wilkes was helping us to haul in hay we did not get all of the hay in we hauld in six loads and "cocked" up 86 cocks. Uncle Crandle is here to night

Sunday, July 3

This morning we went to Sunday school and then Frank Ocker and Adaline come home with us and was here for dinner. and was here till most night. Mary and I took a walk over in the corn feild and I was writeing a letter. it has been a plesant day and it has quit raining

Monday, July 4

This is the 4 of July but I have not seen much of it this morning Father went to mow for Philips and Frank went to plowing corn and then Mr. Lacking come along and wanted us to mow

some for him and he would help us get up our hay and so we done so and now we have got our hay all up and the grass all cut to night frank and I went to town for to see the fun. and we was thare till quite late. they was dancing as hard as they could. and they had some fire works. and thare was lots of folks thare

Tuesday, July 5

Frank went to plowing corn this morning and I was helping Father to rig up the reaping machine for to reap and about ten Oclock Frank and I went up to Frank Ockers to help them get up some hay. we got the hay all hauled up by supper time. Father was reaping some with the Sickel and was binding (99) it up three Shocks (100). I heard to day that Cyrus Tarbox and Marvin Monroe was wounded in the late battles in Virginia one had his arm off and the other his leg

(99) Tying the grain into bundles or sheaves.

(100) A group of sheaves stood on end and supporting one another in the field was known as a shock.

Wednesday, July 6

I was hoeing in the garden this morning and Frank went to plowing corn Father was reaping some with the Sicle (101). and I was cradleing (102) around the wheat and then rakeing it up Mother and Mary and Louisa went up to Jo Deems. we was reaping a little with the Machine. we cut four rounds and then we went to rakeing it up. and after dinner Frank went to plowing the corn. he got it done. we put up 98 shocks.

(101) Sickle.

(102) Cutting grain with a cradle.

Thursday, July 7

I was hoeing some potatoes this morning and Frank was hoeing some and then he went home to work. and Father and I went to cutting wheat and then we got a rain and after dinner I went to town I got two letters one from Eben Stoddard and one from grand Ma Baldwin (103). she sent her Photograph after I come home Frank had come back and we was cutting some more wheat and we was loading up the Machine for to go and reap

(103) Betsy (Vaughan) Baldwin, wife of Mathew, of Montrose, Penn.

Friday, July 8

This morning we was up bright and erley and went up to Benton Beads (104) for to reap and we set up and went at it Frank done the most of the rakeing off and I was binding. we cut 10 acres and put it up in shock and then come home. it has been very warm today.

(104) Beard.

Saturday, July 9

We went down to Noah Showalters this morning for to reap and was there till noon and then we come home and went to cutting our wheat by the machine and we got it done. Wes

Showalters was helping. we got two letters to day one from Emily Baldwin and her Photograph she says father Baldwin is in the Hospital we had a letter from Ruth Tarbox she says that Cyrus and Marvin is dead

Sunday, July 10

I went down to town this morning and was at Jery Wilkersons I went to tell them of Cyrus and Marvins Death I got home about noon and was at home all day I was writeing a letter. it has been quite warm.

Monday, July 11

This morning we went to cutting Wheat Joe and Henry Showalters was helping us. we got five acres done by noon and after dinner we had some of it to bind up and carry to gether and then we went to cutting a hour and a half and we cut about two acres. it has not been so warm to day.

Tuesday, July 12

This morning we was up bright and erley and went up to Joe Showalters to cut wheat and we got six acres done by noon. I was rakeing and binding after dinner we went at it again and when we had got the peice half done we had two brake downs with the Machine and then we had to quit and come home.

Wednesday, July 13

Father went to town last night to get the machine fixed and this morning he went to get it Frank and I was cuting some wheat in a corner were we could not do it with the reaper and then we went to reaping with the machine and we got all of the wheat cut by noon after dinner we went to binding it up but it was so dry that we went to hauling in wheat

Thursday, July 14

This morning we finished puting up our wheat and then we went to hauling it in the barn and we was at it till night. it has been very warm we got a letter from Mother Baldwin they was all well we got her Photograph

Friday, July 15

We have been hauling in wheat to day all day I was mowing a little with the scythe in the corners of the fence we got the wheat all hauled in and I am glad of it it has been very warm and dry.

Saturday, July 16

This morning Mary and I went to town and was thare till nine Oclock and then Father and I was thrashing (105) some scratenings (106) of wheat on the barn floor Frank has gone home to day to work after dinner we was rakeing and hauling in a little load of hay

(105) Thrashing with a flail.
(106) Scatterings.

Sunday, July 17.

Last night Mary was quite sick. and this morning she was quite weak. I was not very well today have not been any place to day have been at home all the time Mary is a bout sick to day and so we have to stay at home I was over in the corn feild the corn is beginning to silk out but the ground is geting

quite dry and we neen some rain very bad

Monday, July 18.

This morning we was hoeing some and unloading some hay and we was diging some (105) and after dinner Frank went home to work. I was not doing very much we got a letter to day from Geo and Father Baldwin they are still near Petersburg.

(105) At the cellar

Tuesday, July 19.

We have been diging a dream (106) to the celler to day we got it about half done. Father was mowing some for Frank Ocker they are hauling timber for the bridge at the run and to night they tore the old bridge down and put fire to it it is very warm and dry now and we need rain very bed every thing is drying up.

(106) Drain.

Wednesday, July 20.

This morning Frank went up to Ed Jackmans for to thrash I was up thare and up to Wes Palmestons. and Jo Richerson is building the bridge and I was helping some they did not get it done.

Thursday, July 21.

Frank and I have been diging at the drean to the celler to day but we did not get it done. it is very hard to dig. they have finished the bridge down at the run Mother and Louisa was over to Harwoods to day Mrs Lewis was here to day Father and I was to town to day to buy some nails and glass and paint for the house it has been quite warm

Friday, July 22.

This morning we was hauling some rails and building a fence around were I am going to have my house and then we was working on the road we was hauling dirt out of the celler and puting it at the end of the brige to night we went to town to a Ice cream .. it was for the Soldiers and we had a good time

Saturday, July 23.

It is not quite as hot as it has been along back Frank was diging at the drean I was working at it some and I was working at some lumber after dinner Father and I went to town to get a work bench and some tools for the Carpenters to work at the house I got a letter from Susquehanna thare is another call for 100,000 more men for the army

Sunday, July 24.

it is very dry and dusty now we all went up to the Luthern meeting house for to hear a funeral sermon thare was a good many folks thare and we come home and have been at home all of the afternoon (it is to warm to take any comfort at all and I do not feel very well yet but do my work, that is partly do it, well no more I wish I were home to day to see my folks Mary A Baldwin Rude)

Monday, July 25

This morning the Carpenters come to work at our house. it is Frank Campbell and Hiram Reed they went to work at makeing Windrow frames. Frank was Diging at the celler. after dinner I went to find a girl to work I was over to Harwoods and then I was at Mrs. Deeters but J could not get any girl but I can get one in the morning. I went to town before I come home.

(I have four Men to cook for and not well Mary)

Tuesday, July 26

This morning the carpenters went to work and Frank went to work at the celler and I went to get the girl I got Levina Deeters and she is going to work for us. this afternoon I was makeing a Wheel barrow all of the time but I did not get it done

(I guess we will keep the Girl untill we get in our house I hope they will soon get the house done for I want to get to myself. Mary)

Wednesday, July 27

The carpenters have been working to day they was working at the window frames and at the cornish. (107) I was helping Frank some at the celler. it is still very dry and warm. and if we do not get some rain in a short time we will not get much corn or potatoes Levina Deeters is working here now and she will for quite a spell.

(107) Cornice

Thursday, July 28

We was working in the celler to day. that is frank was and I was a part of the time the carpenters was planing out Cornish. Father and I was working some at the Oats. it is very warm and dry.

(I wish Pa could come home so that he and Ma could come and see us for I want to see some one from Penn I like them better than the Hoosiers. I will wait patiently for a while. Mary)

Friday, July 29

Hiram Reed was sick this morning and so he could not work. Frank was cuting Oats and I was rakeing and binding this fore noon a part of the time after dinner I went to town and was thare a wile it is so dusty now that it is all most impossible to travel. I have not felt very well to day there will be a quarterly meeting (108) comes here to morrow

(108) A religious service.

Saturday, July 30

This morning Frank and I went to working at the Oats. Frank was cradleing and I was binding some I have got A rash or braking out on me and so I have not done much. I was helping to fix a place in the woods for meeting to morrow. the meeting begun this afternoon and thare was lots of folks here Benjamin Eckright come here to night I got a letter to day from Julia Tompkins. Ed is sick and was Deafted (109).

(109) Deafened.

Sunday, July 31

I had the tooth ache all last night and all day to day this forenoon we went to preaching in the woods and thare was a great many folks thare a lot of folks come home with us for dinner and we had quite a time this afternoon we went to meeting again in the Woods they had Love feast and Sacrament and thare was a good many thare. now it is most night and the meeting is out and the folks gone home and we are at home

Monday, August 1

Frank and I went to work at the Oats to day the Carpenters come to work after dinner we went to work at the Oats and we had a rain before we got done. we had quite a good rain and it come very good. and it will do a good deal of good. but we need some more LWR

(I have been makeing me some gaiters for every day I am not very well yet Mary Rude)

Tuesday, August 2

The Carpenters have been to work this fore noon we have been to work at the celler. we got a good deal of the dirt out. in the after noon Father and I went to town to haul in some logs we had quite a time of it but we got them all in at last it has been quite warm

Wednesday, August 3

to day we have been hauling lumber all day we have been to town five times we have got the most of the timber hauld for the frame Frank has not been very well to day and so he has not worked much We got a letter to day from Father Baldwin he is still at Petersburg he is some stouter

(Oh how I wish could see Pa but I must wait a while. Mary)

Thursday, August 4

This fore noon we was hauling in Oats we got them all hauled in we had to take a board of the back side of the barn for the barn floor is full of door and window frames this afternoon we was hauling some more lumber and was working some more at the celler the carpenters was working at the sideing

(I guess we will have a house some time this winter M.A.R.)

Friday, August 5

This morning when I got up I was all most sick but I got better before night Mother is sick to day we have been hewing timber to day Mr Lackey was hewing and Eli and Joseph Deems was helping to score (110) we got it all done before night the carpenters have been to work at the frame. they have got it partly done

(110) To cut notches in timbers in order to fit them together.

Saturday, August 6

Last night the carpenters went home they was going to Bryan (111) to day to buy some tools Frank went to Joe Lewis to day to help him thrash they got done before night. Father and I was hauling up timber we was hauling it on a slip (112) we got done before night after supper we went to town for some lime we got ten bushel and then come home and it was about night

(111) Ohio

(112) A crude form of sled with wooden runners. Logs could be loaded on a slip and dragged along the ground with horses or oxen.

Sunday, July August 7

to day has been a very lazy day for me. I was over in the corn feild. the corn is earing out some but it is so dry it can not be

very good. we had some green corn for dinner to day. Mother is quite sick she has had the doctor two times she is a little better to night

(I am two (113) most sick but never mind Mary's handwriting)

(113) Too

Monday, August 8

This morning the Mason come to work Mr Dan Keefer and (on) the celler wall. at first we was hauling some sand and then some water and then the mason and I went at the wall and we was working at it all day the carpenters was working at the frame Mother is quite sick and the Doct(or) comes every day. Thare is going to be a draft the 5th of September of 28 in this town

Tuesday, August 9

We have been working at the celler to day all day we have got a part of two walls done it goes quite slow and it is very warm the carpenters are at work. Frank was mowing a little grass and I was spreading it out Mother is quite sick and it is now 12 Oclock at night and I am setting up with her hope she will soon be better

Wednesday, August 10

We have been working at the celler wall to day all day it is going quite slow the carpenters have been to work at the frame. mother is quite sick and the Doctor comes every day. we are haveing some very warm weather now to day is the warmest of the Season we had some rain to night and a great deal of thunder and lightning L.W. Rude

Thursday, August 11

To day our work has been a bout the same as it was yesterday. we have got to work on the top of the wall we have commenced to level it off. the carpenters have been makeing rafters and Joist it has been very warm Mother is not much better she cannot set up any

(Mary Antinate Rude Jarvis DeKalb Co. Indiana at home Franklin Township)

Friday, August 12

We have got the wall around the celler about all done. we have got the wall to make at one end of the house. the carpenters have got the house ready to raise and they have gone home to night and will not be back till monday Keffer (114) has gone to Carrs and Frank up to Ockers. Mother is not much better I was seting up with her to night and I got the tooth ache very bad Father is about sick to. Mary is not very well

(114) Dan Keefer.

Saturday, August 13

We got the wall done to day about nine Oclock and then Keffer went home and then Frank and I went to working at the drean. Father is quite sick to day and Mother is no better. Mary and Louisa went to Town Frank and I went in the woods to cut a shingle three (115) we cut two. we had a good rain to day Frank and Levina have gone home to night it has been very

warm this after noon

(115) A tree to be used in making shingles.

Sunday, August 14

This morning Father was a little better but Mother is no better. she is quite bad. the Doctor comes every day I was up to Sunday School but we had no School. I was then at home the most of the time. I went to town to get some Medicine for Mother. it has not been very warm to day. now it is night and Frank and Levina has come back. good night

Monday, August 15

Frank was about sick this morning and so he went home and Theoph come to work in his place. we was raising the house we did not get it all up. we got the frame up and some of the plates Father was quite sick last night but is some better to night Mother is no better. she has a hard time some way to night we went to town after a ladder.

Tuesday, August 16

Frank is so that he can not come to work. we was working at the house this fore noon. we was puting on the plates. and we got up one pair of rafters. Louisa went to Ederton (112) to a show to day the Carpenters quit at noon and went to the show. Father is better but mother is no better she has a hard cough. I went to town this afternoon I was thare till most night

(I have a new pencil)

(111) Edgerton, Ohio.

Wednesday, August 17

I was helping the boys about the house. to day we was puting up the rafters and the coller-beams (117) Father is better but mother is no better. she is very sick. I am afraid she will not be any better very soon but the doctor thinks she will. Frank has not come back yet. I do not feel very well to day.

(117) Beams in which notches are cut for other beams or timbers to fit into.

Thursday, August 18

last night I was seting up with mother and I got very sick I had a disentary and fever and I (had) a very bad head ache I did not rest much all night. I have been sick all day to day I have been takeing meddicine. Father is so that he can be around mother is no better. Frank come back to day and he and the boys have been cutting and hauling shingle timber. Father went after Rebecka Deeters to work for them to day it is some cooler than it has been

Friday, August 19

I was some better this morning. I have been takeing some quinine to day Mother is a little better to day. Frank was hauling shingle bolts (118) to town and bringing home some shingle. Mr. Martin and his wife was here to day we got a letter from Emily Baldwin to day. it is raining some to night the boys have been puting in the cornish

(118) A log is cut into sections

whose length is the length of the shingles to be sawed. The sections are called bolts.

Saturday, August 20

To day it has been raining a little the most of the time I am some better. am able to be out doors some. Mother is a little better to day. Father and Frank was killing a sheep this morning. they killed Louisas old Dick. Frank was hauling some wood. and after dinner he went a brought a load of Shingle. and got the log wagon and took a saw log to the mill. I have still got some Dysentary but I do not feel very bad. the Carpenters have not done much at the house to day. it has been so wet.

Sunday, August 21

I have been at home all day. it was raining some this morning but not much. Mother is better to day and I hope she will soon be well. I have been writeing and reading some to day now it is most night and I am some lonesome. and so good Night. Lewis W R

Monday, August 22

This morning we went to town with a saw log and we was thare till noon waiting for some lumber. I went and hauled a load of lath for a man in town after we come home we was hauling some more lumber and some sideing down to the machine shop to get it "dressed" I was working some at the celler and paint some at the cornice the carpenters was puting on the cornice it takes a good wile to put it on. Mother is still getting better we was a church to night

Tuesday, August 23

This morning Frank went to Plowing in the Oat stuble for wheat. I was painting some and then we was makeing a log heap and burning some stumps it has been trying to rain some Mother is still geting better the boys are still working at the house LW.R

(I have been making sope [19] to day it is nice I am about tired out or lazy I suppose This is a lonely place to live for troubles are great in number Mary A. Rude)

[19] Soap.

Wednesday, August 24

Frank has been plowing to day it has been very warm. the Carpenters have been to work at the house. Father went to mill this morning with Jin and the buckboard. I have been burning stumps after dinner I went to town for to get a grist I got a letter from Mother Baldwin they are all well Mother is not very much better but is gaining slowly.

Thursday, August 25

We have a good rain this morning and then Frank went to plowing he got done to day. the boys went to a sale and was not much here to day and so they did not do much. they have got the boards on ready for the Shingle. I was working in the celler some to day. Mother does not feel quite so well to day

Friday, August 26.

This morning we was hauling

up some sand and then frank went to hauling Manure I was working about the house. we had a good rain this afternoon. the carpenters have been puting on the rest of the cornice and they have commenced to put on the shingle I sined (120) 25.00 (121) to day for the draft that is for them that has to go after supper we went to town after some sideing Mother is not much better

(120) Signed.

(121) $25.00

Saturday, August 27

This morning I was painting a little and then we loaded up a load of flooring boards and Father and I went to Waterloo City with it to get it dressed we took it to the planing mill and then we was in town a wile and then come home. and we was down to town. the boys have got the roof partly on Levina Deeters has gone home and so Mary will have to do the work herself

Sunday, August 28

I have been at home to day about all day. I was up to sunday school and Theoph Philips and Eleck Frink was here to dinner Mary and I and Theoph Philips and Eleck Frink and Rebecky Deeters was down to the burying ground to day it has been quite cool Mother is not so well to day

Monday, August 29

This morning Father went to Waterloo after a load of lumber I have not felt very well we have been working at the house some. it is quite cool now Mother is some better I have had a very bad tooth ache to day

Tuesday, August 30

Father went after another load of lumber to day we was working some at the house and after he "that is father" come back we went to town we had quite a frost last night but it did not do any hurt Mother is some better

Wednesday, August 31

I was up to Frank Ockers this morning were they are thrashing Frank (122) is thare to day. I was up to Joe Lewis and was working in the barn to get ready for to thrash to morrow the carpenters are puting on the sideing on the house. Mary is not very well to day. the thrashers are here to night We killed a sheep to night for mutton

(122) Frank Philips.

Thursday, September 1

to day we have been thrashing the most of the time. George Zeigler was thrashing for us we got done by four Oclock. we have 225 bushels of Wheat and 72 of Oats I was down to town to night. Mary does not feel very well to night Mother is better.

Friday, September 2

This morning we cleaned over some Wheat and load up a load and then Father and I went to town with a load of Wheat I got 2.00 (12) a bushel for it I had 27 bushels. after we come home I was painting some and we was sawing some shingle timber and hauling in some hay it is quite warm to day.

Saturday, September 3

This morning I was up to George Zeiglers after some beef. Frank was plowing to day for Geo. Zeigler I was painting some this morning at the front of the house the boys have got all most three sides sided up now. Father was making some Shingle to day this after noon I was up to the Center School house at a meeting for the benefit of those that will be drafted we paid 25 dollars a peice and those that are drafted will get the money

Sunday, September 4

We was going to town to meeting to day but it begun to rain this morning and has been raining a bout all day some of the time quite hard I have not felt very well to day. I have a tooth that aches so very bad some of the time and it is so decade (124) that the doctor cannot pull it I have been sleeping some Tomorrow is the time for the draft

(124) Decayed.

Monday, September 5

This has been a very rainy day of it. the Carpenters have been here but it was so rainy that they could not work and so they went home we was piling up some lumber that had got wet. we was makeing some Shingle. To day is the day for the draft but I guess they did not draft to day they are not ready yet but I expect they will draft in a few days.

Tuesday, September 6

It has stoped raining this morning and so we went to work Frank was plowing up to Geo. Zeiglers to day. the boys was working at the house I was painting some to day I went to town this afternoon. I got door locks and latches and bolts and some window fasteners.

Wednesday, September 7

This morning we was hauling up some wood. and then father went to sowing Wheat. and Frank was draging all day but he did not get the feild done I have been makeing a rack to dry apples on and I was working at the celler. I was makeing a frame for the door and was painting some.

Thursday, September 8

This morning I was painting some at the house and Frank was wheeling out dirt out of the yeard and this afternoon he was cutting up corn. Father and I went to town we took some Apples to sell. it has got quite warm again.

Friday, September 9

I was painting some this morning and then Father and I load up a load of Wheat and took it to town. he got 206 cents a bushel. Frank was cutting up corn I was painting some this afternoon. the boys have got the house all sided up. and they was fitting in the Windows I have got it all painted on the outside they have not drafted yet

Saturday, September 10

This fore noon I was painting some window sash. Frank and Father was working at the corn. This afternoon Father and I went to town and Father went to Waterloo on the cars to a meeting thare is a confernse thare the boys begun to lay the floors to day. to day is quite a warm day.

Sunday, September 11

Was up early this morning and I got up the horses and Mother and Mary and me went up to Waterloo to meeting. Bishop Markwood preached a very good sermon and Dedicated the Church at tha place. We then come home and Father come with us for we could not get any thing to eat thare thare has been some here sinch we come home I have been reading.

Monday, September 12

This fore noon I was painting the window Sash. I got them done by noon this afternoon I was working a round the house and I was cutting up corn some. it is not so very warm the boys have got the floors most laid.

Tuesday, September 13

This morning I started after some lumber in steuben Co. Near Matoods mill. it was about twelve miles. I got thare by Nine Oclock and I bought 500 of lumber of Mr Busch and It was most noon when I got it loaded up and started home. and when I got to Hamilton it was raining very hard and it rained all the way home and I got very wet. Frank and father was cuting up corn. the boys have got the floor all laid in the lower part

Wednesday, September 14

This morning I was putting in some glass and a painting some Sash. Frank and Father was sowing Wheat this afternoon I was puttying in some glass. it has quit raining and it is quite plesant. I hear that the draft is to go off to morrow

Thursday, September 15

I have been puttying in Windows today about all of the time we went to mill this morning Frank has been working puting in wheat. he has got it all plowed in and is draging it but he did not get it done to night thare was a party at our new house. thare was lots of girls and boys thare and they had lots of fun. they was thare till about one Oclock

Friday, September 16

This fore noon I was working around the house. we was moveing the Stove out of the Wood house into the Kitchen this afternoon we was cutting up corn. the boys was putting up the stairs to day. it has been a plesant day it was quite cool last night but warm to day

Saturday, September 17

We was killing a pig for pork this morning. and then Father and Frank went to cutting up corn I went to town for to get some studding sawed but I could not get them. I went to the mill for some flour. Mrs. John Zeigler died to day and I was up to Joseph Showalters to tell them and Frank was helping to dig the grave I was helping to tie (125) up some Corn. it has been a plesant day and quite warm

(125) That is, tying corn stalks into shocks.

Sunday, September 18

We was going down to town to the funeral to day but it was raining so that Mary and I did not go Father and Mother went. I was writeing a letter and I was down to the grave yard to see

Mrs. Zeigler burried. and since then I have been at home I have been sleeping some it has been raining some to night

Monday, September 19

This fore noon I was cutting up corn Frank was draging in the corn ground for wheat (126) after dinner I went to town to get some lumber sawed and I was thare till most night I was at the saw mill the most of the time I was sawing some logs and getting them to the mill Father and Frank was sowing Wheat (126) Preparations were being made to sow wheat in the field where corn had ben grown the preceding season.

Tuesday, September 20

To day Mary and Mother was up to Wesley Palmestons Father and I went to town after some lumber and they did not get the lumber sawed by noon and so Father come home. The Sawers (127) broke something about the mill and so I did not get my lumber till most night. it has been warm and plesant to day.

(127) Sawyers.

Wednesday, September 21

I have not been doing so very much to day Frank finised draging and we was picking up some Apples for to make cider last night I was at town to a speach of Lockhart and Kelly one was a Union and the other a Democrat. they did not seak so very well.

Thursday, September 22

This morning Father and I went to make Cider we was up to Taylors Corners we broke the tumblening shaff to the horse power and so we had to make a new one but we got the cider made and back home by three Oclock the draft was off in this town ship to day and perhaps I am drafted I am boiling cider now. L W R

Friday, September 23

Last night we had a letter from Mother Baldwin they are all well Emely talks some of comeing out here if she comes she will start next Monday we had a letter from Dora Baldwin her father has gone to War. they was all well. I was down to town this morning to get some crocks and I was down to Joe Johnsons for Sarah to come up we have been makeing Apple Butter We

Saturday, September 24

Last night we had quite a Storm of Wind and Hail and Rain it was quite a hard one I was makeing some Apple butter this morning and then we was working at some flooring We have not got quite enough to finish the upper floor the Carpenters left at noon. we was puttying in some glass in the windows. we had a letter to night from Lorane Stoddard and she sent her photograph. it has been quite cold and windy to day

Sunday, September 25

This morning I was reading some and then we went up to the meeting house to meeting to hear the new preacher but he did not come and so they had prayer

meeting. I was writeing some this afternoon and was up to Ockers the new preacher has come to night but he cannot preach for the folks dont know it his name is Holmes we had quite a frost last night but it did not kill the things I expect the draft will go off to morrow

Monday, September 26

They did not draft this Township to day but Troy township was drafted and thare was twenty four drafted. Frank is at home to day. we was working out some boards for to finish the floor and the Carpenters quit at noon and they will not do any more till after it is plastered we was puttying in some glass.

Tuesday, September 27

This fore noon (we) was getting some timber to make some lath of and we made a few and I put them on. after dinner we went to town it was raining we got some glass. and after come home we was puttying them in. Frank has come back. I went to town to night to see if Emely come or might I was thare till midnight. and the Cars come but she did not come.

Wednesday, September 28

This morning we went to makeing lath and putting them on. and we was over in the woods after some butter nuts we was lathing the house all day. Mary and Mother went to town to day thare was some men went up to Kendleville (128) to have the draft go off in this township but it did not go they are trying to raise money to get volenters

(128) Kendallville.

Thursday, September 29

To day has been quite a rainy day we have been makeing lath and putting them on Joe Lewis was here to day to get money to keep us from the draft I sined $25.00 and Father sined $50.00 and paid it. to night Frank and I was up to the Center school house to a meeting about the draft we was thare till very late they raised about $6,000. we had a letter from Mother Baldwin Emily is not comeing

Friday, September 30

Last night we was at the meeting till One Oclock I sined $10.00 more I paid it to day. Frank has been cutting wood today I have been lathing some to day. they have another meeting at the school house to night I hope they will clear the town ship.

Saturday, October 1

I went up to Joe Lewis this morning to see what they had done at the meeting they have engaged the men for $3.60 dollars each. they have raised about $8,000 dollars we cut some sugar cane (129) and mad a little molasses. I went to town with some sideing we had left Frank has been lathing some and I was boiling molasses. it has been raining some this after noon the preacher is here to night

(129) Sorghum.

Sunday, October 2

Mary and I thought of going to town to meeting but it looked like rain and the new preacher preached here and so we staid at

home after meeting Mary and I went up to Frank Ockers we was thare for dinner and till most night. after we come home we was writeing some

Monday, October 3

This morning Father and I was killing a hog for pork. and Frank was cutting down an old stub (130) in the feild. we was makeing some rails and some to put in the dreans to the celler. and then we was cleaning out the drean to the celler. I had a nasty time of it then we was laying in rails and filling it up. (131) we did not get it done

(130) Tree stump

(313) Two rails were placed parallel to each other about six inches apart in the ditch dug below the bottom of the cellar. Flat stones were placed on top of the rails. The ditch was filled with dirt. Water could then flow from the cellar in the space under the stones between the rails.

Tuesday, October 4

This morning we was fixing the drean. and then we went to work at the Sugar cane we hauled up two loads and then went to pressing it out. I was boiling it down we made about eight gallons of molasses. Frank was picking some Apples.

Wednesday, October 5

This morning when we got up it was raining and it has been raining ever since. we went to working at the house. we was makeing and Nailing on lath. it is now one Oclock and it is still raining

Thursday, October 6

This morning we went to work at the sugar cane again. Frank and I hauled up three load and Alonzo Johnson is here and he cuts off the tops and Father he does the grinding and Frank and I boil it down we made about six gallons to day this afternoon Mary and I went to town. I was at a speech at the school house for a short time the roads have got quite mudy. We had a letter from FAther Baldwin to day he is now at Philadelphia Pa

Friday, October 7

We went to work at the cane this morning Frank hauled it all up. and we was pressing and boiling all day Father got it all ground but we have some to boil down yet. we made about ten gal to night Frank and I was up to the center school house to another meeting. I paid ten dollars more and thare was a good deal paid they have got about money enough now. that is $9,400. it is windy and cold to day

Saturday, October 8

I got my money that I paid to the old club last night. they have to give $4.00 for the men now we made about 5 gallons of molasses this morning now we are done. Frank was hauling dirt out of the yard from the new house. we was gethering some Apples. I went to town it is quite cold to day

Sunday, October 9

To day I have been at home all

day. I did not go to Sunday school or to meeting. I was reading and writeing some I heard to day that the draft would have to go off in this township they could not get the men. and so we will have to stand the draft. we had quite a frost last night and to day it has been quite cold. we got our money to night from the old draft club (132)

(132) This sentence had a line drawn through it.

Monday, October 10

This forenoon Father and I was husking corn and Frank was hauling dirt out of the yard. it has been quite plesant to day. this afternoon I was hulling (133) some walnuts and painting some at the house

(133) Shucking.

Tuesday, October 11

This morning we went to Election I cast my vote on the Union side I think we will come out best after I come home I was working at the house. I was makeing a wall to the celler door. Father and Frank was husking Corn. Louisa has gone to the praries. (134) we got our money to night from the old draft club

(134) Jackson Prairie.

Wednesday, October 12

This morning I was up to Mr Philips and then I come home and went up to Joe Lewis to pay 100 dollars into the draft they have 4500 and them that is drafted gets the money. Father and Frank was husking Corn. I was painting some at the house the election has gone all right this Co. has gone Union and so has the state hurough (135) for the Union and Old abe. Abilition

(135) Hurrah.

Thursday, October 13

This forenoon Father and I was cutting some timber and spliting it and hauling it for some lath after diner we made some lath. and then I went to town it is quite cold to day Frank is working down to Noah Showalters to day. the vote has all gone right

Friday, October 14

I have been nailing on lath to day and I was painting some Father and Frank was husking corn it was quite cold this morning Louisa come home to night Uncle Crandle and Aunt mary come out with them. the draft is to go off to morrow

Saturday, October 15

I was nailing on some lath this fore noon Uncle Crandle and Aunt Mary was here. Frank was husking corn his time was out to day at noon. we was hauling in some corn this afternoon in the rain. I was makeing a door for the celler The draft went off to day. they did not draw my name and so I am free Frank Philips was drafted and Noah Showalter and Clark Parker and a great many I have not got room to name good night

Sunday, October 16

This fore noon Mary and I went to town to Church they had preaching and class meeting and then we come home. it has been a plesant day but not very warm. Jery Wilkerson was here to day and took dinner with us.

Monday, October 17

We have been working to day at the house Father was makeing lath and I was nailing them on. It has been plesant but quite cool to night I have been writeing some.

Tuesday, October 18

To day I have been thrashing for Silas Ocker over to Sam Hoverstockers barn I had a dusty place and I had to work hard and it made my Eyes sore and I am tierd. the draft is makeing quite a ster among the folks. some have run off and some they have taken to camp and some are hireing men to go in their places.

Wednesday, October 19

We have been lathing at the house to day a part of the time we want to get ready to plaster as soon as the lime comes. I was to town this afternoon. the lime has not come yet. we have quite cold nights now and the days are quite cool

Thursday, October 20

This was quite a cold morning after it got warm enough we went to diging potatoes and we was at it the most of the time our potatoes are not very good we only dug about twelve bushels we had a letter to day from Mother Baldwin they are all well and mother was up to Philips to day

Friday, October 21

This morning we went to town in the wagon and then we went after a load of sand down on the old Wells place. we had quite a hard time for to get the sane. after we come home with the sand we went to town after some lime and we got the lime and we got the lime and.....(136).

(136) Rest of the page was torn out.

Saturday, October 22

This fore noon I was gethering Apples and burying them we have not got many apples this year. this afternoon we was diging potatoes. we got them all dug in the orchard it is quite cool to day

Sunday, October 23

This morning I was writeing some and then we went to church and after we come home I was writeing some more and now it is most night

Monday, October 24

This morning we went to lathing and about nine oclock the plaster (137) come James Chambers and we went to slacking lime and makeing a morter bed. I was hauling watter (138) with old Nell I was down to Campbells this morning after a box to slack lime in. the plaster is coming to plaster Next thursday (This afternoon Mrs. Parmington was here a visiting and I have washed I feel about tired out no more Mary)

(137) The word plaster is frequently used when plasterer is meant.

(138) Water.

Tuesday, October 25

To day the Women all went off a visiting to day up to Bryans. we have been working at the house all day we have been makeing lath and puting them on. we are haveing quite cool weather now (This morning Mother Louisa & myself took old Mell and went to Mrs. Bryans a visiting we had a tip top visit we came home in the after noon Lewis has been busy all day Mary A. Rude)

Wednesday, October 26

To day it has been quite cool we have been lathing we have got the most of it done. I have some in the buttery (139) to do and some in two other rooms. to night I went to town and come home in the rain and in the dark.

(139) Pantry.

Thursday, October 27

This fore noon we was lathing and after dinner we masured up a load of Wheat and started to town with it. we met the plasters comeing and I had to come home. Father got 60 dollars for the Wheat. the plasters went to work at plastering and I was mixing morter. they plastered one room and part of another. chambers went home but John Imhoef was here all night he was lathing some to night

Friday, October 28

This morning we was plastering some and then we went to lathing and making lath. I had to cut some more timber. we did not get it all lathed. we was lathing some tonight it is quite cool weather.

Saturday, October 29

This morning we got done lathing and then we went to plastering I had to mix the morter and I had a hard time of it. we have got all plastered now but the buttery and the Halls. Father was husking some corn. Jery Wilkerson and Mr. Brown was up here and bought a hog and they killed it here and Father helped them and so they killed and dressed two one for us. I heard to day that Tom Rude had gone to war as a substitute for Wm Baker (140)

(140) William Baker was Tom Rude's brother-in-law. William married Polly Ann, the widow of Jacob Noragon.

Sunday, October 30

We have been at home to day all the time I was tierd and I have been sleeping some it has been quite cool but plesant

Monday, October 31

This morning John Imhoof the plaster come back and so we have been plastering we have got one coat all over and the plaster has gone home I was slacking some lime for the second coat and I was sifting it and it eat my fingers and they are very sore.

Tuesday, November 1

my fingers was so sore this

morning that I could not do much. we went and hauld a load of wood and then we went and hauled some pompkins and I was fixing my fingers and we have been diging potatoes but we did not get done.

Wednesday, November 2

This morning we was unloading some potatoes and then I went after a load of brick down on the River at Mr. Bartletts Louisa was with me and went to Newville. I got my brick and come home and it was most night it is quite cold to night my fingers are quite sore and I cannot do much

Thursday, November 3

My fingers was so sore this morning that I could not do much. I was unloading some brick. after dinner I went to town and was thare till night. I got a letter from Mother Baldwin they are all well. it was quite cold this after noon and to night it is raining

Friday, November 4

Last night we had quite a Snow storm it was snowing some this morning and has been all day. my fingers are some better but I have a bile on my left hand that is getting quite sore. Mary and I was cleaning out the celler at the new house and we was gethering some cabbage and beets and turnips.

Saturday, November 5

My hand that has the bile on it is very sore and I cannot do much. I have been about the house the most of the time. it has been a plesant day and the snow is all gone those that was drafted had to go and get examined to day

Sunday, November 6

My hand is quite sore to day I have been at home all the time the most that was drafted has to go. Frank Philips has to go but Noah Showalter does not Mr. A Fisher and his wife was here for dinner to day and we eat with mother it is raining some now

Monday, November 7

To day has been a fine day. it has been plesant and warm. the plasters come this morning and they have been at work at the house. they have the most of it plastered Father was husking corn my hands have got better. I have been helpeing the plasters and I was paint some to night we was building some at the chimney.

Tuesday, November 8

This morning it had been raining and the plasters could not finish and so they went home. it has been a rainy day we was at the Election for president I voted for Abe Lincoln and Andy Johnson (144) we had a mudy time. Tom Rude come along here to night he has got back from the Army on a furlough

(144) The candidates of the Democrats were General George McClellan for President and George H. Pendleton for Vice President.

Wednesday, November 9

To day has been a very rainy day. it has been so that I could not do much. it has rained a good deal and the waters are quite high it quite raining just before night and we had quite a wind storm and a great many trees fell. the wind blowed very hard all night Tom Rude is here to night I have heard from the Election Old Abe has got it I guess and little Mac has gone up Salt River.

Thursday, November 10

This morning it was cold and windy we was laying up some fence that had blown down and then the plaster come and he was finishing plastering and a building the Chimney but it was so cold that he could not finish it. Louisa was to town and Tom and Jane (142) is here to night Louisa got a letter from Emily and by it I Learned that she would be at the Depo to night and so I hiched (143) up and went to town to see and she was at the Hotel and she is here now we had a letter from Father Baldwin to night it is raining some

(142) Tom Rude and Jane Abbott.
(143) Hitched.

Friday, November 11

This morning it was quite wintery. Father and I went to town with some hogs we sold. there was six of them and we got $104.63 for them. I was at the Depo to get a trunk for Emily and I was at town all day to get some one to bring up the trunk. Emily and Louisa has gone to a party. it is snowing some to night

(In a pigs eye. Emily)

Saturday, November 12

Last night it snowed some more and this morning it was about three inches deep. the Carpenters come this morning to finish the house. they was hanging the doors we was doing the chores and cutting some wood in the woods and hauling it up. Jery and Maria Wilkerson was here to day. the roads are very bad. we was husking some corn and hauling it but it was to mudy to husk very much.

Sunday, November 13

This morning it was quite cold and disagreble we went to church at ten Oclock and then we come home and got dinner and we was writeing some that is Mary and Emily and me and now it is night and I am seting at the table, good night

Monday, November 14

it was quite cold this morning and we had some snow the Carpenters come to work at the house. this afternoon Father and I was getting some corn out of the feild that had been husked one week we had a cold hard time of it in the mud and snow. Frank Philips has gone to the army.

Tuesday, November 15

The carpenters was working at the house to day Father and I and Emily went to town to day we eat dinner at Marias. it is very mudy. I got some stove

pipe and some Oil and some other things for the house. we moved the stove up to our new house to day and Father put them in the kitchen

Wednesday, November 16

We was killing a beef to day it took us most all day to get it dressed and cut up and salted the carpenters have the house about done. a man come to night to husk corn for us and he will be here for a few days Byron Beard was here to night

Thursday, November 17

the boys got done to day with the house (144) Hiram Beard has gone home to Ohio by Fort Wayne Mary and Emily and I have been to work at the house to day at cleaning. they got the chamber and one bedroom and the parler and hall cleaned. they had hard work. Father and the man was husking corn I was at it some. we got two loads in I was painting some to night

(144) Cost of building according to the figures of Lewis W. Rude.

Lumber	$29.00
Sawing	5.00
Doors & sash	35.00
Nails	12.00
Glass	14.00
Paint	10.50
Carpenters	20.00
Hewing	5.50
Nails	4.62
Lime	10.00
Sawing	25.00
Dressing & planing	7.50
Oil	5.00
Mason	10.00
Shingles	13.25
Door Locks	8.00
Carpenters	50.00
Oil	4.00
Putty	1.53
Nails	1.00
Nails	1.50
Lumber	9.00
Nails	1.00
Lumber	2.20
Nails	2.00
Glass	5.50
Nails	.10
Lime	2.95
	295.15
Hair	$1.00
For tin	2.00
For brick	2.00
Lime	1.10
Sash	1.00
Plastering	25.00
Oil	6.00
Carpenters	69.00
	107.10
	295.15
Total	402.25

Friday, November 18

We have had a plesant day to day but not very warm. I was up to Philips this morning to get Theoph to husk and then I was working at the house some they was cleaning out the kitchen and buttery and bedroom. I got the house insured to day for five years. this afternoon I have been husking we got in three loads of corn to day. we sold 25 bushels for $25.00 to day. Elder Martin is here to night

Saturday, November 19.

We was cutting and hauling some wood this morning and then we went to town Mary and me and Father and Louisa. we was thare till afternoon the roads are very bad. I was painting

some this P.M. and Mary was painting some and we sold a load of corn and we had to husk it it has been a plesant day.

Sunday, November 20.

We made a fire in the new house and we was thare this fore noon that is Mary and Emily and Theoph Philips and myself. this P.M. I was up to Frank Ockers it has been very plesant to day and quite warm.

Monday, November 21.

it has got quite cold this morning and the wind is blowing quite hard. I was painting in the house to day. Frank Ocker was husking corn and we hauld in two loads and a half. it is quite cold to night

Tuesday, November 22.

This morning it was very cold. I was painting some in the house I have got it all done that I shall do this fall. I was working some at the celler and putting some apples in it we had quite a hard job of it it was so cold the ground is froze up solid we are going to move to morrow

Wednesday, November 23.

We got up this morning and begin our moveing. We have had a hard day of it but we have got it done. we are now in our new house. we have left our old house and gone in our own we eat supper here to night it is quite cold to day. I hope we shall have a good time in our new home.

Thursday, November 24.

This morning I was bringing a few more things up to the house and then I went to husking corn. Frank Ocker was helping us we got in about 65 bushel of ears. it was quite cold this fore noon but warmer this afternoon I went to school meeting to night and we took a vote for teacher and Theoph Philips got all of the votes.

Friday, November 25

I was choping wood and working around the house this morning and then I went to husking corn. Frank Ocker and Theoph and Mr. Philips was helping to day we got in about 90 bushel. it has been trying to rain some to day but not much I was at town this morning to buy some new things.

Saturday, November 26.

We did not go to husking corn to day it was so mudy I have been working around the house all day. I was choping wood and cleaning off the yard and banking up the house and makeing some steps to the back door. I went to town to night we got a letter from Mother Baldwin. they are all well. it has been quite warm to day.

Sunday, November 27.

I have been at home to day all day. it has been trying to rain some to day but not much. I like liveing in our new house first rate. it seems like home we have all been writeing some to day.

Monday, November 28

It was raining this morning a little I was cutting some wood and after dinner I went to town in the wagon. the roads are very bad I got a new stove for the parler. it cost fifteen dollars after I come home I hauld up a load of wood and then I was putting up the stove

Tuesday, November 29

We went to husking corn this morning we husked one load and it was most night we sold the corn to a man and father

went to take it to him. and it was after dark when he got back

Wednesday, November 30

We went to husking corn this morning and we got most done by noon and then we finished and hauled it in and now we are done and I am glad of it it was some cooler this morning but it got warm before night

Thursday, December 1

We have been butchering our hogs to day we had six to kill. J.W. Palmeston was helping us to day. we had to work all day and we got the hogs cut up and the sassage (145) made by nine Oclock. it has been quite warm to day I have a bile on my hand which makes it quite sore.

(145) Sausage.

Friday, December 2

It has been raining some to day but not much I was salting some meat and cleaning some heads for head cheese and so forth I was up to George Zeiglers for to carry the Sassauge machine home. My hand is quite sore. I cannot do much

Saturday, December 3

My hand has been quite sore to day. I have not done very much to day. I was down to town and choping wood for over Sunday I got a new bedsted down to town to day and we was putting it up.

Sunday, December 4

This morning the ground was froze quite hard but it got quite warm to day thare was preaching at the church to day but I did not go. Jery and Maria was here today for dinner and they staid till most night

Monday, December 5

The school commenced to day. Emily & Louisa went to school. I was doing the chores this morning and carrying some water to wash and putting up a cloths-line and then I went to chopping wood in the woods and then father and I was hauling up wood the most of the time this afternoon. It has not been very cold to day. that will do for this time Emily (146)

(Ever since I came home from school Lew has acted like a little fool in a pigs eye. E.R.B.)

(146) Written by Emily for Lewis W. Rude.

Tuesday, December 6

I have been cutting wood to day and father and I was makeing a shed for the sheep It has not been so very warm this afternoon I went to town I was thare till most dark. I got a new clock and after I got home I put it up and so we can see what time it is. I got some letters for Theoph Philips but I do not know what is in them

Wednesday, December 7

This morning we have got some snow and it has been snowing the most of the time to day but still we have not much snow. the wind is blowing to night and it is very cold. I have been cutting wood and doing the chores to day mother and father was here for dinner. Emily was at school one of the letters I got for Theoph was from Frank. he was at E. Chattanooga Tenn

Thursday, December 8

This has been a very cold day it has been so cold that I could hardley keep warm. I have been choping wood some of the time for it takes a good deal when it is so cold I went to town to night a foot

Friday, December 9

it has not been quite so cold to day as it was yesterday. I have been at home the most of the time. I have been choping wood some.

Saturday, December 10

We had some more snow last night. I was chopping wood this fore noon and then after dinner I went to town with the sled father and me I got some things at the store and I got a sink or cubbord (147) at Wm Shaws and father come home and I was at town till night.

(147) Cupboard.

Sunday, December 11

This has been a very cold day. we had some more snow last night. the wind has blown very hard to day and it has made the snow fly like sixty we have been writing some

Monday, December 12

this fore noon father and I was choping wood over in the Woods and this afternoon we was hauling up some wood. it is not as cold as it was yesterday the sleighing is not very good for the ground is so very rough. to night I was sheling some corn Emily did not go to school to day.

Tuesday, December 13

I went up to the school house this morning with the sleigh to take the girls to school I was carying some watter for Mary to wash. I went to town to night (in the afternoon) in the big sled to mill. Joe Johnsons is at fathers to night and him and father has been here to hear me read it is not so very cold to day but cold enough

Wednesday, December 14

It was quite cold this morning Emily went to school. I was makeing a hed (148) and dasher to a churn this morning till noon I was choping some wood this afternoon. to night Harnet Cherry is here with Emily they are now out playing with the sled. I have to go and thrash to morrow for George Zeigler

(148) Head.

Thursday, December 15

It was quite cold this morning. I was up erly and done the chores. and then I went up to George Zieglers to thrash and I was thare before they was up we was thrashing all day but we did not get done. it has got some warmer this afternoon. after I come home we all went down to Joe Johnsons and we was thare till quite late we got a letter from Mother Baldwin they are all well

Friday, December 16

To day it has not been very warm or very cold. it has been a kind of misting all day but it has not rained much. we was down to town to mill to day. I am afraid it will rain so that we will loose our sleighing it is quite good now but the ground is quite rouf. Thare is selling (149) school to night and Emily is gone to it good night.

(149) Spelling.

Saturday, December 17

I was chopping wood this fore noon. this afternoon Emily and Louisa and I went to town in the sleigh we found the sleighing to be quite poor for it has been raining some and thawing some I got a letter from Ruth Tarbox Mother and father have gone to town to night. Thare was some Jipses (150) here to day

(150) Gipsies.

Sunday, December 18

I have been at home to day the most of the time. we was down to fathers a short time it has been trying to rain some to day but not much. the snow is going off quite fast and the sleighing is allmost gone. it is quite warm.

Monday, December 19.

I did not feel very well to day and so I have not been doing much. it has got quite cold to day. William and Elisa Shaw and Charley Robberson and his Mother was at Fathers to night and we was all down thare for supper and we was thare till quite late.

Tuesday, December 20.

it was quite cold this morning father and I went chopping wood in the woods and then we was hauling up some and some fodder and to night I went to town a foot. I heard there was another call for some more men for the Army

Wednesday, December 21.

I have been at home to day all the time it has been quite cold and it has been snowing the most of the time to day and so it is good cleighing to night. the girls went off to a party to night

Thursday, December 22.

It has been quite cold to day. I have been choping wood and so on to day Mary was down to fathers and so we was thare for dinner to night Mary and I went to town in the sleigh. Mary got a new dress and I got some cloth for a vest and so the sleighing is very good now and the folks are useing it one can hear the sleigh bells the most of the time

Friday, December 23.

This has been a quite a cold day. I have been choping wood and so forth the most of the time. Laura Philips was here to day and so was Old Mr. Willis Emily has not come home to night from school. she is going to stay for spelling school good night.

Saturday, December 24.

As Christmas comes on sunday this year we have taken to day for Christmas Mary and Emily and I went down to town this morning in the sleigh at Marias I had to bring the horse and sleigh home. we had our dinner at Marias and we had a good time at turkey and Oysters. I come home to get the horse and George (151) and Uncle Crandle had come out and father had gone to town with it and so I had to go back and get it and bring the girls home.

(151) George Rude.

Sunday, December 25

this is Christmas but it has not seemed so to me it has been raining some and the snow is going off. we was all down to see the Gipsies Camp to day. thare was lots of folks thare. I must go to bed now. good night

Monday, December 26

it has been quite warm to day and the snow is going of quite fast. we hitched up my colt to day with doll and drove him to town to brake him. he went very well. Uncle Crandles have gone home.

Tuesday, December 27

I have not been doing so very much to day. I have been choping wood some and it has been raining some I went to town this afternoon and I got two letters and one from Mother Baldwin they are all well and one from Dora Baldwin she sent her photograph

Wednesday, December 28

It has got colder this morning and it is froze quite hard I was helping Mary to dip some candles to day and cutting some wood and so on John Showalter died night before last and he was burried today.

Thursday, December 29

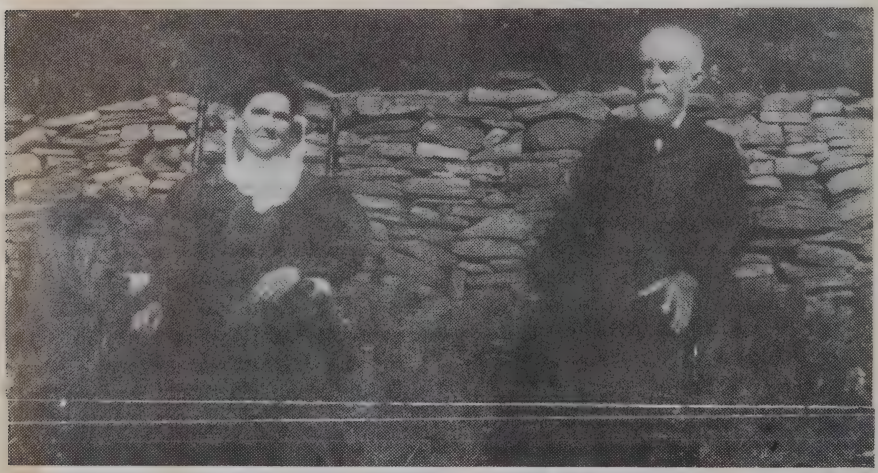
I have not been doing so very much to day. I have been chopping some wood and hauling it on the hand sled it has been quite cold. I went to town this afternoon with the buck-board and when I come home it was snowing quite hard.

Friday, December 30

We had some more snow this morning and so the sleighs are running again Father and I was choping wood to day in the woods a part of the time. it has been quite cold

Saturday, December 31

And now this is the last day of the old year and 1864 is gone. and never will return what changes have been since I began this book. then I was single. and now I have got a Wife. and we have built a house and are liveing by our selves. We was hauling wood to day part of the time and a load of fodder. and then Em and Louisa and I went to town in the sleigh. we had a fine sleigh ride and saw lots of folks in town good bye to the old year



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